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DATES TO REMEMBER



Dec. 2
District One-Act at
Scotia



Dec. 11
School Board Mtg. in
ITV Room 7:30 p.m.



Dec. 16
Christmas Program
7:30 p.m.



Dec. 18
Bloodmobile at EPS
Gym



Dec. 20
End of 2nd Quarter
School Dismisses at
regular time



Dec. 21—Jan. 5
NO SCHOOL



Jan. 6
SCHOOL RESUMES



Second Grade Visitors



Xavier Nussbaum, Jacksyn Sehi, Nick Anderson, Yoli Anderson, Brenna Martinsen, Abriel VonBonn, Blake Henn, Keyera Eisenhauer, Aubrei Clouse, Baylee Busted, Dane Kilday, and Brian Heithoff.

The second grade had a few visitors this month! Yoli Anderson came and visited with the students about becoming a citizen of the United States. She explained how she studied about our country and after passing a test over the United States there was a ceremony and she was granted a certificate for citizenship. Yoli also explained to the second grade that their birth certificate proves that they are a United States citizen.



Dakota Kester from the Antelope County Extension Office spent a morning with the students doing a presentation called Farm Pizza. She explained all the ingredients on a pizza come from a farm. Even though we live in a farming community, students learned new terms like, beef cattle and dairy cattle. We now know that dairy cattle provide us with cheese and milk products and beef cattle produce beef to eat. Dakota will be back to visit us in December.



For the most current news and calendar, go to www.elgineagles.org.

Slogans Are Everywhere!

Eat Fresh!

What product does this slogan advertise? Subway!

While reading Charlotte's Web, the fourth graders have been learning about slogans. One of Wilbur's slogans was Zuckerman's Famous Pig. To better understand what slogans are and why they are used, we did several activities.

First, they watched a youtube video on memorable product commercials, which many were familiar with. Next they were shown several partial logos and had to write down all the ones they knew. Some of the logos were for Adidas, Ford, and Dairy Queen. Donovan and Kali were crowned Champions of the Brands! Then they were shown several slogans such as Taste the Rainbow and Just Do It. They had to name what the product was that went with the slogan. Finally, a logo was shown on the board and in pairs they had to write a slogan for that logo.



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR ON WEBSITE



Do you want to know what time the concert starts or if the ballgames have been postponed?

Check out the Activities Calendar on our website, www.elgineagles.org. This easy-to-use tool:

- provides up-to-date school activities and events
- allows you to view and print a daily, weekly or monthly list of calendar events
- includes a search option to find a specific event
- sends you e-mail reminders for events you select

Magazine Sales Continue

Our High School classes recently finished our magazine sale. We're sorry if you were missed. If you still want to buy a magazine you can place an order online by going to www.gaschoolstore.com<<http://www.gaschoolstore.com/>>

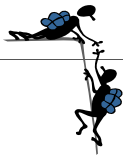
Here is our school code: 2519304. You can also order other gift items online. We will still receive 40% profit.

Thank you for supporting our school fundraising!



Kindergarten students dressed up for Halloween.

Counselor's Corner



by Mrs. Barb Bode

Prepare for the FAFSA with free programs and resources

If you're a senior, it's time to start preparing for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You'll complete the form after January 1 and typically, before April 1 depending on your college's priority deadline. Colleges will use your FAFSA results to determine how much they will award you in federal, state and college-based financial aid.

To prepare for the FAFSA, take advantage of the following free EducationQuest programs and resources:

Financial Aid Programs

EducationQuest is conducting statewide **Financial Aid Programs** that explain the financial aid process and the FAFSA. The programs are free and open to the public. [Click here to find the program nearest you.](#) Juniors and seniors and their parents or guardians are encouraged to attend. ***If you attend, you will be eligible to apply for a \$500 [Financial Aid Program Scholarship!](#)***

FAFSA Webinars

EducationQuest will conduct free "How to Complete the FAFSA" webinars on the following dates:

Tuesday, December 3 - 7:00 pm (CT)

Webinar link: <http://eqf.org/1dZ3FEK>

Wednesday, December 18 - 7:00 pm (CT)

Webinar link: <http://eqf.org/19enKBz>

Monday, January 13 - 7:00 pm (CT)

Webinar link: <http://eqf.org/1bpaM8Z>

Wednesday, January 15 - 7:00 pm (CT)

Webinar link: <http://eqf.org/1cOH1S5>

To join the Webinar, click on the link under your desired date. The password is **Presentation**.

College Funding Estimator

To estimate your FAFSA results now, use the [College Funding Estimator](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#). This program will ask for 2013 income tax information. You may estimate your tax information to complete the *Estimator* but should use your completed 2013 tax returns when you complete the FAFSA.

Seniors...have you submitted your college applications?

If you haven't submitted your admission applications yet, it's time to get serious! Contact your top college choices to determine application deadlines and procedures. Ask if the admission application is also the application for college-based scholarships. If not, ask about the scholarship application process.

Winning the scholarship game

Follow these tips to increase your chances of earning scholarships:

- ◆ **Don't pay for scholarship searches.** Use free resources such as [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#) with over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. Free national sites include [Fastaid](#), [Scholarship Monkey](#), [ScholarshipExperts.com](#), [School Soup](#), and [Scholarships.com](#).
- ◆ **Visit your guidance counselor often** for information about local scholarships.
- ◆ **Place scholarship applications in deadline order.** Local awards and college-specific applications deserve top priority because you're more likely to earn them.
- ◆ **Update your activities, honors, community service or paid jobs** using the [Activities Resume](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).
- ◆ **Earn the best possible ACT/SAT scores** by taking the exam in the spring of your junior year and again in the fall of your senior year.
- ◆ **Use quality references** such as a teacher, coach or counselor. Encourage them to write specific examples of your leadership skills. Give them advance notice and a specific deadline.
- ◆ **Tailor your essay to the scholarship.** Ask an English teacher to read your essay and offer advice on making a big impact. Your essay will need to stand out from other applications.
- ◆ **Pay close attention to grammar, spelling and neatness.** Ask at least two people to proofread your entire application.

December "To Do" List

Complete these tasks during December to stay on the right college planning track.

Seniors:

- ___ Submit college applications.
- ___ Estimate your FAFSA results using the [College Funding Estimator](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).
- ___ Attend the [Financial Aid Program](#) in your area.
- ___ Continue to apply for scholarships.

Juniors

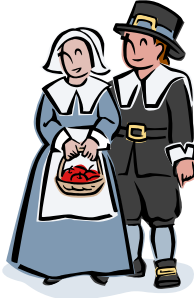
- ___ Attend the [Financial Aid Program](#) in your area.
- ___ Search for scholarships.
- ___ [Register](#) by December 27 for the January 25 SAT.
- ___ [Register](#) by January 10 for the February 8 ACT.

Classroom Snippets ...

We Are Thankful

By Mrs. Gunderson

After reading the book *Thanks for Thanksgiving*, the first graders wrote about what they are thankful for.



- Sara: I am thankful for veterans and the fire department.
Landon: I am thankful for my family and Lucy.
Kairi: I am thankful for my mommy, daddy, little sister and food.
Sonni: I am thankful for my parrot and my dog Sophie.
Chloe: I am thankful for Sally and my family.
Jonathan: I am thankful for my family and the people of the United States.
Lauren: I am thankful for Christmas and my lovely family.
Samantha: I am thankful for my Grandma and cat.
Hayden: I am thankful for my train, tracks, station, and cars.
Emma: I am thankful for my cat, Ricky, and for my mom.
Gage: I am thankful for the people in the United States and food.
Callie: I am thankful for money, Oreos, and Midnight.
Taylor: I am thankful for my dogs and people in the United States.
Jaidyn: I am thankful for the horses and the cows at the farm.



6th Grade ART

By Mrs. Heithoff

Check out the 6th grade Art masks on the school webpage. Look under "Academics-Art" to see their finished project. Also take time to design your own projects on the "Build Your Wild Self" and "African Mudcloth" sites.

Study Tip from the Resource Room

By Mrs. Zwingman

As parents, do your children inform you, or have written in their planners when they are going to have a quiz or a test? The day the teacher mentions there is a test or quiz later in the week, the students will know. However, the actual day the quiz or test occurs, the students more than likely do not remember they were having the quiz or test.



The reason this happens is because the day the students are informed of a test or quiz, they write "TEST" or "QUIZ" in their assignment book on the day it is to occur. The problem with this is that students work day-by-day, which means if the test or quiz is on Thursday and they were informed on Monday, they do not look ahead to Thursday.

The best way to help the students is to write "Study for Quiz or Test" down the day they are informed, then each day prior to the test or quiz being given. So, for example, if the teacher informs the class on Monday that they are having a Test on Thursday, they need to write it down in their assignment books "study for test" on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Hopefully this will give them an opportunity to be more prepared the actual day of the quiz or test.

2013 Yearbooks

By Mrs. Heithoff

You can still purchase a 2013 Yearbook for \$30. Send a check (make out to Elgin Public Schools) to purchase yours today for a lifetime of memories



Baby Think it Over

By: Hannah Kerkman

The sound of constant cries throughout the night is not at all what I was looking forward to only as a senior in high school. Whether I was ready or not I had to face the challenges of becoming a mother of a newborn. This month in Child Development everyone received a baby, which is actually a "baby simulator" that cries when it needs to be fed, changed, burped, or rocked.



While having this baby everyone expressed a lot of different emotions. At first I was very excited to get the baby, so I could name it and be able to dress it. I was nervous because of how careful you had to be with the baby especially the head. Also, I got very frustrated with the baby when it would cry multiple times in the night. Overall it was a very good project and it taught our class just how hard it would be to become a mother right now.

I think this project should be continued throughout the years. First of all, it teaches students how to care for a baby as well as teaching them the struggles of having a baby while still attending high school.

Calendar Changes:

Jan. 3—No School—No teacher inservice

Jan. 6—School resumes (as planned)

Jan. 16—NO SCHOOL — Teachers will attend inservice at Wayne

May 21—Last day of School for Students. (Note: extra day added to original calendar)

WOLFPACK VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT RUNNER-UP



The Wolfpack volleyball season came to an end on Friday, November 8th with a 3 set match with the Crofton Warriors, 25-13, 25-12, and 25-17. The team ended the season with a 12-17 record. "We are young and I hope we can build from here. I am very proud of the girls for continuing to work hard this season. We missed our goal of the state tournament by one game, but the girls never gave up and continued to believe."

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“What I Like Best About My School”

During the week of November 18-22, Elgin Public celebrated American Education Week. The students were asked to create posters showing what they like best about their school. The third graders came up with some great posters showing what we are proud of at Elgin Public. Check out all of the pictures of what third graders like best about their school on the Elgin Eagles web page!

What I like best about my school...

Jamie- P.E., Art, and Recess.
David-is the cooks make good lunches.
Kadance- P.E.
William-Science and Recess.
Corbin-Science.
Devin- Art.
Erica-Reading Mastery, Art, P.E. and activities.
Grace-Art.
Camryn-is the teachers help the students.
Trenton-is the great education and the team Wolfpack.
Violet-Art because I like to draw.
Jackson-is Recess.

What's New in the Library?

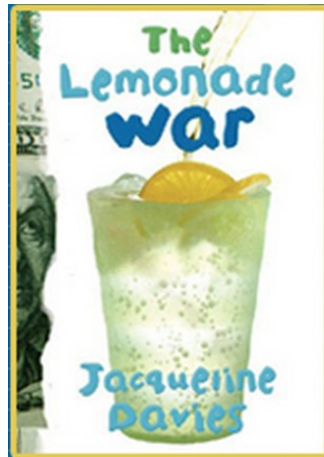
We are excited to announce that several new books will be arriving in our libraries very soon. Here's a preview of a few of them:

Lower Grades



"*That Pioneer Woman*," Ree Drummond, is a popular blogger and host of a show on the Food Network. She now has tried her hand at writing children's books featuring her beloved Basset Hound, Charlie. Charlie is a lovable dog, and we will have three stories featuring him.

Middle Grades



We already have *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies in our library, but there are several books following it. The books involve Evan and his sister Jessie. As brothers and sisters often do, they fight about everything, but, in the end, they will protect one another at all costs from anyone else looking to harm them.

Jr./Sr. High

Many people fell in love with



"*The Hunger Games*" trilogy and with recent the release of the movie *Catching Fire*, we begin to search for more stories like it. The "*Matched*" trilogy is the answer. With a similar setting and a character that shares many of the same values as Katniss Everdeen, it has many characteristics that should stack up to *The Hunger Games*.

"Never put off until tomorrow,
what can be done."

- Thomas Jefferson

Elgin Public PASS System



Parents and students can access student's current grades through the EPS website:

www.elgineagles.org

Click on Schoolmaster and enter the student ID number and PIN. If you have questions, please call the school.



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

Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and re-manufactured. 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.

"What the mind can conceive,
it can achieve."

- Napoleon Hill

EFFORT is the Word



By Mr.Eisenhauer

At the beginning of the year the 5th grade students chose a word for the year. They chose the word EFFORT!! With the end of the semester approaching us I wanted to remind all the 5th graders of this key word. What type of effort are you going to use to finish the quarter and semester off? They are reminded daily with the time they have in class that with their full effort they can accomplish many different things. I hope to see all the 5th graders using all of their EFFORT to put the finishing touches to this semester.



Local Favorite

Check your menu check it twice and if you are lucky enough to see the beloved taco salad listed in the sides there most likely will be cheers coming from the Elgin Public School lunch goers. Students and Teachers alike are crazy about the perfectly blended salad that has been a favorite throughout the years.



Students have a tendency to move over the main entrée and make room in the largest possible section on the tray to ensure they get an appetite thrilling helping of salad. Teachers too are subject to possibly overdoing it on the amazing side. There are phone calls requesting, "TACO SALAD TO GO... please!!!" and staff that doesn't typically eat in the lunch

room make their appearance to get some irresistible salad. There are e-mails sent out alerting everyone who may have missed the menu and the lunch-room supervisors feel it is their duty to maintain a steady tasting to ensure quality!

When elementary student David Durre was asked if he liked taco salad his response was, "I can't tell you how much I love it". Jace Cameron felt that he didn't quite get enough saying, "It's so goooooood, please give me some more". The telltale sign that you have a hit is when the senior class is asked to pick out their last meal and the answer is, "I don't care as long as we have taco salad", you know you have a favorite! Well done Lisa and Karla we thank you from the bottom of our tummies!



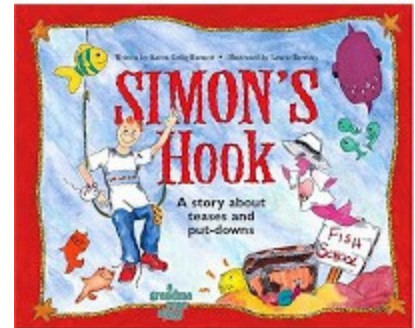
Karla VonBonn and Lisa Poulsen prepare taco salad for a "very hungry" bunch!

Elementary Guidance

During the months of October and November, we discussed the virtue of Respect. In 3rd grade, we read the book Simon's Hook and watched the videos that accompany the book. We watched the first two videos and discussed how teasers and bullies will throw out hooks by calling names or making fun. It is easy to get caught by their hooks and make fun back, get angry, and let the hook get to you.

The book gives five alternatives for being able to "swim free" and not get hooked.

1. Do little or nothing - don't react
2. Agree with the hook
3. Distract - change the subject
4. Laugh or make a joke
5. Stay away



Ask a third grader how to "swim free" from teasing and put-downs.

1st grade discussed ways to be respectful and make friends. We played "Swat the Spot" identifying respectful vs. disrespectful actions and read the book "Words Are Not for Hurting".

During second grade guidance the students made Respect puzzles and played a game to help them identify ways to be respectful to their parents, teachers, friends and classmates, themselves and the world.

4th and 5th grade students also focused on bullying. The 4th grade class read a series of books that helped them gain the perspective of the victim, the bystander and the bully.

"Your Three Words" was a favorite activity of the 5th grade guidance class – students came up with their three words that showed how they can make a difference in the world and will be creating shields with positive solutions to problems such as anxiety, bullying, and other difficult issues. These solutions protect them from the negative affects of their problems. In 6th grade guidance students are just beginning their unit on respect while finishing up activities related to "cyber bullying". Student learned that if you won't say it F2F then don't say it in "Cyber Space".

e-Funds for Schools

Don't Forget! Online lunch account payments are now available with e-funds for Schools.

Families set up and maintain their own log ins, passwords, and payment preferences. Call or email the school to obtain your child's student number needed to set up your account. Your account information is retained in a password-protected file.

Parent benefits and payment options:

***Parents can eliminate the worry that their child could lose checks or cash.**

***e-funds for Schools allows parents to make payments from their checking account, debit card and credit card, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

***When a parent makes an online lunch payment, it goes immediately into the family's account.**

***Parents can review online payment history that shows each electronic payment made.**

***Automated payments can be activated by parents which assures lunch fund(s) are replenished on a scheduled basis, preventing their child's lunch account from being short of funds.**

***Each time a payment is made, the system sends an e-mail to the parent providing them with a payment confirmation.**

***Parents will make instant payments rather than waiting for checks to be deposited at the school.**

For more information or to SIGN UP call or email Anney Beckman at anney.beckman@elgineagles.org or (402) 843-2455

CALENDAR CHANGE!!!!!!

✓ Due to the opportunity of our school staff to listen to one of the original freedom writer students, we are changing our school calendar. Teachers will no longer report to school on January 3rd and school WILL NOT get out on May 20th. Instead there will be NO SCHOOL on January 16th for ANY students and in May the students will get out on the 21st. Please mark all of your calendars accordingly.....



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rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Greg Wemhoff
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ALL A HONOR ROLL:

Stephanie Bode, Brett Kinney, Alois Warner, Kyle Heithoff, Lydia Behnk, Ellianne Heilhecker, Ivy Prater, Kira Widger



SUPERIOR HONOR ROLL:

Garet Behnk, Liam Heithoff, Madison Voborny, Tanner Welding, Tiffany Vaughan, Anna Heilhecker, Hunter Reestman, Breanna Couch, Hannah Kerkman, Hunter Thramer, Bailey Carpenter, Breanna Carr, Ally Wemhoff, Victoriah Fangman, Tera Henkenius, Kelsey Welding, Katelyn Copeland, Jaime Hoefer

Honor Roll:

Carter Schindler, Dylan Behnk, Taven Cameron, Kenny Bush, Ethan Fisher, Dylan Widger, Jordan Dietz, Truman Copeland, Kaitlyn Polk, Taya Voborny, Zoey Bergman, Morgan Carpenter, Tiarra Thramer, Christian Dunn, Austin Miller, Travis Grosserode, Ashton Evans, Miranda Palmer, Anthony



Getzfred, Kelsey Shoemaker, Sharla Schindler, Abbigayle Couch, Hayes Miller, Leslie Nichols, Emma Kerkman, Baylee Wemhoff, Destiny Francis, Stevey Hatch, Allison Koenig, Lisa Dohmen

Administratively Speaking .

By Dan Polk
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One of the most difficult and public decisions a Superintendent of schools makes is whether and when to have, not have, or dismiss school due to inclement weather. "Back in the day" it RARELY happened as everyone was VERY local, had places to stay or go in town if things got really bad or even stayed in town during the week should the weather be/look bad. In today's world that is not nearly as much the case. We have all kinds of people, driving their own vehicles at different ages and coming to school from all kinds of different directions. Buses are also traveling farther to pick up students.

Please be aware that if school is not "called" or "let out early" and you do not want your student coming or remaining here that is YOUR DECISION and should you make it, their absences will NOT be held against them. In other words if we are having school in inclement weather and you disagree with that decision just let us know that you are keeping your children at home. Or if it occurs during the day and we do not let out, let us know you want them to come home or that you are coming to get them. It's not an easy "call" and I don't presume to make it, or want to make it for you. I try to do what's best and safest for the kids while at the same time make attending and having school a very important priority. If you have any questions about this or anything else regarding the school please feel free to call and ask anytime.....



*Dec. 20 -
Regular Dismissal Time
Happy Holidays!*



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Celebrating 125 years of faith, family and friends.

*Q-125 Celebration -
June 20, 21 & 22, 2014*

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