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DATES TO REMEMBER

 Dec. 7
High School
Christmas Concert
7:00 p.m.

 Dec. 9
School Board Mtg.
EPS Lunchroom
6:30 p.m.

 Dec. 16
Bloodmobile at
KC Hall
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

 Dec 17
Elementary
Christmas
Concert 7:00 p.m.

 Dec. 22
Early Dismissal
1:00 p.m.

End of 2nd
Quarter

Nobody Fights Alone



With the help of our drone photographer, Mr. Childers, the EPS students and staff went to the football field to pose for this picture. The orange ribbon represents the fight against leukemia. Mr. Eric Heithoff, our music instructor, is currently undergoing treatments for leukemia and we are all helping him to stay strong. Get well soon & hurry back to school, Mr. Heithoff!



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



From Mrs. Wemhoff

Too Bright To Do Drugs



EPS Kindergarten Class is too bright to do drugs. The Kindergarten Class celebrate being drug free. Front row: Taryn Schindler, Cora Beckman, Shay Morrison, Sloane Miller, Caleb Fangman, and Chase Young Back row: Jackson Evans, Grant Blecher, Jozlynn Mack, Rylie Beard, Mason Fletcher, Case Romej, Aimelyn Moscoso, Presley Richardson, Izaak Lopez, and Elly Boschen

RECIPE

Yep, Bacon Cookies

Created & Written by Theanna Dunn in Foods & Nutrition Class

From Mrs. Rittscher

Ingredients

- 2 ½ cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp baking soda
- ¼ cup cocoa
- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup salted butter
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 1 lb bacon
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup corn syrup
- 1 tsp maple flavoring (optional)

Preparation

Topping: Preheat oven to 425. Place bacon on cookie sheet and cook each side for 12 minutes or until desired doneness. Grab pot and put on medium heat. Place corn syrup and brown sugar in pot and stir until liquid. Add maple. Put to low, dip bacon in liquid and set on new pan to dry. Set in fridge. Once cool, cut into small pieces.

2. **Cookie Dough:** Preheat oven to 375. In first bowl pour dry ingredients and mix. In second bowl, add softened butter and liquid ingredients to mix with hand mixer. Slowly add dry ingredients until fully mixed. Place rolled cookie on baking sheet 1 inch apart and slightly flatten. Bake in oven 10 minutes. Take out and add bacon topping. Return to oven and bake additional 2 minutes. Take out and cool.

Prep: 45 minutes
Cook: 30 minutes
Yield: 24



From Mrs. Jones

Music News

Greetings from the music department! In these trying times, we could all use some holiday cheer. Elgin Public School students happen to have lots! We are preparing for the holiday concerts and want to let you know the news.

The jr.-sr. high concert is set for Monday, December 7th at 7:00 pm. It will feature the band, choir, duets, trios, a quartet and several vocal solos. It will feature traditional holiday music as well as some not as familiar to us. We know you will enjoy it.

The elementary concert is Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 pm. Each class is working on our songs diligently. There will not be a musical this year, which disappointed some - but classes (1-2), (3-4) and (5-6) will combine to perform.

We will follow Covid-19 protocol for each concert. At this time, masks will be required for everyone and the audience chairs will be social distanced. We are uncertain of other regulations right now, but will be sending information to all of you on JMC as the concerts draw near. Until then, Happy Thanksgiving and hope to see you soon!



From Mrs. D. Heithoff

New Covid Learning



The Math 7 students make learning with a partner work in the time of mask wearing and social distancing.

From Mr. Mlinar

It's Tax Time

Personal Finance students are learning how to complete a tax return. Standard deductions, dependents, adjusted gross income, taxable income, refunds, and more! Although taxes can be complicated, the students are tackling the concepts well!

1040 Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service (99) **2019** CMBE No. 1545-0074 IRS Use Only - Do not write or staple in this space.

U.S. Individual Income Tax Return

Filing Status: Single Married filing jointly Married filing separately (MFS) Head of household (HOH) Qualifying widow(er) (QW)

Check only one box. If you checked the MFS box, enter the name of spouse. If you checked the HOH or QW box, enter the child's name if the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent.

Your first name and middle initial: _____ Last name: _____ Your social security number: _____

If joint return, spouse's first name and middle initial: _____ Last name: _____ Spouse's social security number: _____

Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see instructions. Apt. no. _____ Presidential Election Campaign: Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund. Checking a box below will not change your tax or refund. You Spouse

City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If you have a foreign address, also complete spaces below (see instructions).

Foreign country name: _____ Foreign province/state/country: _____ Foreign postal code: _____ If more than four dependents, see instructions and check here

Standard Deduction: Someone can claim: You as a dependent Your spouse as a dependent Spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were a dual-status alien

Age/Blindness: You: Were born before January 2, 1955 Are blind Spouse: Was born before January 2, 1955 Is blind

Dependents (see instructions):

(1) First name	Last name	(2) Social security number	(3) Relationship to you	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> If qualifies for (see instructions): Child tax credit	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit for other dependents
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1	Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2		1		
2a	Tax-exempt interest	2a	2b		
3a	Qualified dividends	3a	3b		
4a	IRA distributions	4a	4b		
c	Pensions and annuities	4c	d	Taxable amount	4d
5a	Social security benefits	5a	b	Taxable amount	5b
6	Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here		6		
7a	Other income from Schedule 1, line 9		7a		
b	Add lines 1, 2b, 3b, 4b, 4d, 5b, 6, and 7a. This is your total income		7b		
8a	Adjustments to income from Schedule 1, line 22		8a		
b	Subtract line 8a from line 7b. This is your adjusted gross income		8b		
9	Standard deduction or itemized deductions (from Schedule A)	9			
10	Qualified business income deduction. Attach Form 8995 or Form 8995-A	10			
11a	Add lines 9 and 10		11a		
b	Taxable income. Subtract line 11a from line 8b. If zero or less, enter -0-		11b		

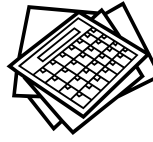
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JMC MESSAGE CENTER

Are you receiving the messages from our JMC Message Center? Please check that you are receiving the messages on the phones and email addresses that it needs to go to. If changes need to be made, please log in to the JMC Parent portal and make the changes necessary. If you need help logging in, please call the office and we can help you.



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

Pomegranate Seeds

From Mrs. Shumake-Henn



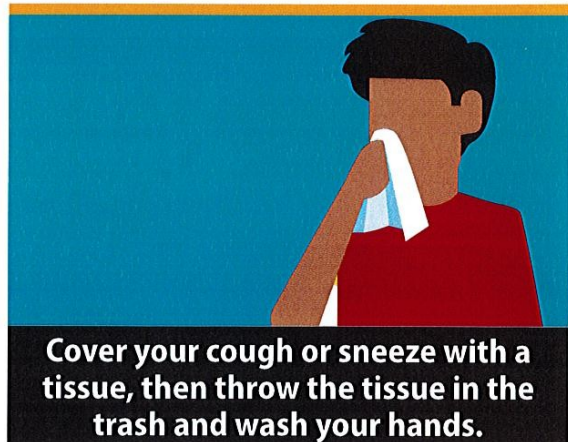
As a part of their unit on Greek mythology, the freshmen snacked on some pomegranate seeds. In the story of Demeter, her daughter Persephone is trapped in the underworld for three months each year as a result of her eating pomegranate seeds. The story explains the changing seasons of the year. Congratulations, Freshmen! You are now stuck in English with Mrs. Shoe for the next four years.

Stop the Spread of Germs

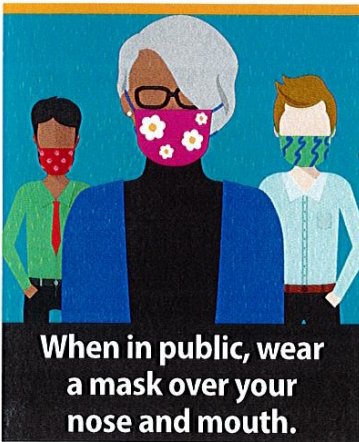
Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.



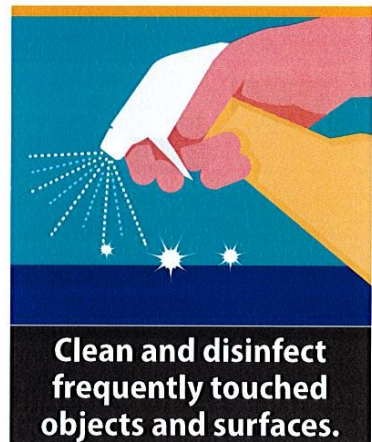
Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.



When in public, wear a mask over your nose and mouth.



Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



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FFA District Livestock Judging

From Mrs. Schwartz

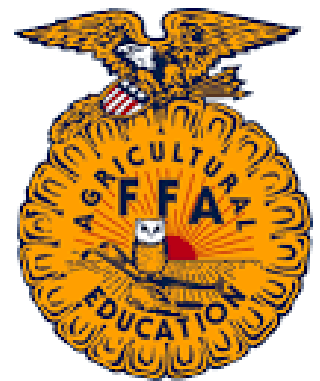


Elgin FFA District Livestock Judges posed for this picture at their competition in Ord. Back row left to right: Gage Theissen, Nick Anderson, Alyssa Burenheide, Brian Heithoff, Dylan Lueking, Blake Henn, Myles Kittelson Front row left to right: Baylee Busted, Marissa Preister, Harlie Bode, Allyson Selting, Jack Wemhoff, Brenna Martinsen, Carter Beckman, Keyera Eisenhauer, Taylynn Charf.

Congratulations to the Sr. Livestock FFA Judging team of Carter Beckman, Allyson Selting, Taylynn Charf and Marissa Preister for Winning the District 10 contest last Thursday in Ord and qualifying for state FFA next spring!

Carter was the 4th overall individual, Ally was 10th, Taylynn 14th, and Marissa 18th. There were 17 teams and 111 individuals.

In the Jr. Division Elgin had the 9th overall team out of 15. This team consisted of Gage Theissen (27th overall), Blake Henn (32nd) Baylee Busted (42nd), and Brian Heithoff (44th). There were 113 individuals. Great Job! Look for complete results in next week's paper.



***Members of the District 10 Champion Sr. Livestock Judging Team:
Carter Beckman, Allyson Selting, Taylynn Charf, and Marissa Preister***

EPS One-Act Takes Third at NVC

Niobrara Valley Conference East Division held One-Act competition on Tuesday, November 17th at Pope John High School.

Elgin Public One-Act Performance of "The Odyssey" received third place honors. William Heilhecker received a top honor of Best Supporting Actor. Also recognized were Jack Wemhoff, Austin Good, Jordan Lindgren, and River Romej. The next competition will be District One-Act on Dec. 2nd at Leigh High School. At this time only household members can attend the competitions.

Students involved in One-act this year are: Brenna Martinsen, Brian Heithoff, Keyera Eisenhauer, Baylee Busted, William Heilhecker, Isabella Smidt, Ethan Hinkle, Collin Lindgren, David Durre, Corbin Kinney, Jack Wemhoff, Austin Good, Kadance Dworak, Camryn Pelster, River Romej, Colton Wright, Jessica Getzfred, Riley Vitamvas, Blake Ofe, Jordan Lindgren, Joey Getzfred, Theanna Dunn, Austin Hinkle, Emma Kinney, and Sam Durre.



The cast and crew of EPS One-Act, "The Odyssey" is under the direction of Mrs. Sonia Rittscher and assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Heithoff.

From Mrs. Thiele-Blecher

Celebrate safely this holiday season
Avoid the Three Cs:

- 1 Crowded Places**
Avoid gathering in groups where you can't maintain 6 feet of distance from others.
- 2 Close Contact**
Wear a mask or maintain 6 feet of distance when you're with people you don't live with.
- 3 Confined Spaces**
Avoid enclosed spaces with poor ventilation.

For more information visit: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

Slow the Spread

NEBRASKA
Good Life. Great Mission.

NALHD
National Alliance of Health, Disability, and Advocacy Program

"IF A CHILD KNOWS 8 NURSERY RHYMES BY HEART BY THE TIME THEY ARE 4 YEARS OLD, THEY ARE USUALLY AMONG THE BEST READERS AND SPELLERS IN THEIR CLASS BY THE TIME THEY ARE 8".

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WORLD
Nursery Rhyme Week

Movie Night

From Mrs. Eisenhauer



The 3rd graders who read this past summer were treated to a movie night. They enjoyed watching "The One and Only Ivan" along with popcorn, M&M's and pop. Super summer reading, third graders!

Top row: Aurora Burke, Tenley Schindler, Cael Bottorf, and Levi Scheer

Bottom row: Sheamus McClain, Xander Richardson, Braxtyn Eisenhauer and Garrett Busted



Veterans Day Program



The Elgin Public School Veterans Day Program took on a different look this year due to the Covid 19 restrictions, but we were still able to honor the veterans with band and choir pieces. Dennis Morgan, Elgin Review editor, was a wonderful speaker and of course we rounded off with a playing of "Taps". What a great way to thank our veterans for their service!

From Mrs. Borer

Red Ribbon Week



The fifth graders dressed up during Red Ribbon Week. One of the days was Too Bright for Drugs/ Class Color Day where our whole class wore blue. Pictured left to right (back row): Max, Kaidynce, Donm, Riker
Front row: Cylus, Molly, Evin, Kipp

Group Work

From Mrs. D. Heithoff



When Math class calls for group work, it is still possible if one of the members of the group is quarantined! During these Covid19 times, we must "think outside the box"!

DON'T FEEL WELL? STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK

Tell your mom, dad, or caregiver before you come to school. Tell your teacher or an adult if you become sick at school



cough



Shortness of breath or problem breathing



chills



sore throat



loss of taste or smell



muscle pain

OTHER SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:
fever, runny nose, diarrhea, feeling nauseous or vomiting, feeling tired, headache, and poor appetite



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From Mrs. Childers

First Grade on the Map



1st grade is learning all about maps, countries, and cultures around the world. This is our favorite so far! We will also talk about which countries our families came from, long ago!

Administratively Speaking . . .



By Supt. Mike Brockhaus
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At the time of this writing, the fall sports seasons have wrapped up and the winter seasons are just beginning practices. Thanksgiving is fast approaching and so is the next holiday season and it seems like we just started school! The teachers and students continue to work hard in the classroom and trying their best to keep things as normal as possible. The students are also putting time in to their many activities such as One Acts, Music, Band, Basketball, Wrestling, FFA, EHCC, and Cyber Patriots, just to name a few of the many things going on. Our students are in many activities and also keep academics as the top priority and we commend them on their very hard work in both aspects. We appreciate the teachers and coaches that work with these students on a daily basis on the outside of the classroom as well. Keep up the great work everyone!!

We have updated our Return to School Plan during this time of Covid-19 and it is posted on the school website. The main adjustments are in the Red Zone and staying in school. We want to continue to educate the students in person as that is the best option for success. Elgin Public Schools will also communicate the plans for the attendance at home winter activities to make sure we are following the new DHMs that have been put in place recently. These restrictions will continue to change and evolve and we will do our best to communicate these changes and how they will affect our activities.

Elgin Public Schools would also like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and that everyone stays safe and healthy!!

Lines of Symmetry

From Mrs. Beckman



*The second grade made lines of symmetry in math class.
We had fun and made some great pictures with them.*

*Make
someone's
day
amazing!*



***December 22 -Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.
School Resumes January 5th***

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rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Greg Wemhoff
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Blood Drive

Elgin Public High School Scholarship

- Antibody Testing for Covid – 19-
- KC Hall – Community Room

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For an appointment, please contact the High School at 402-843-2455 or go online to redcrossblood.org.

Bring Donor Card or Photo ID

Note: Eat breakfast/lunch & drink plenty of water prior to donating blood.

Come to give Nov 15 – Dec 15 for a chance to win an Outdoor Living Experience, powered by Propane! Prize includes a propane powered pizza oven, fire pit, outdoor heater and stipend towards propane. See terms: rcblood.org/comfort.

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