



EAGLE UPDATE

Final Four in Football



While other football teams were done for the year and had turned in their equipment, the EPPJ Wolfpack continued to add victories to their record. In the playoffs, the Wolfpack beat St. Mary's, Bloomfield, and Johnson-Brock before getting beat by Sandhills-Thedford. The hard work of the wolfpack showed in every contest and we are proud to congratulate them on an exciting season! Way to go, Wolfpack!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ Dec. 3 - Muffins with Mom 7:30 a.m.
- ◆ Dec. 6 - High School Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 15 - Bloodmobile at KC Hall 9:00-3:00
- ◆ Dec. 15 - School Board Mtg. in EPS ITV Room 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 16 - Elementary Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.

NE Paraeducator Of The Year

Jeanine Jochum, SPED paraeducator at Elgin Public School, was recently recognized as the NE Paraeducator of the Year. This is Mrs. Jochum's 27th year at EPS. Along with her duties as SPED para, she has also done a variety of other responsibilities at the school including playground aide and lunchroom monitoring duties. She received her award in November during the NE Dept. of Education Paraeducator Conference in Kearney. Congratulations to Jeanine on this well-deserved honor!



For the most current news and calendar,

go to www.elgineagles.org.



Music News

From Mr. Heithoff

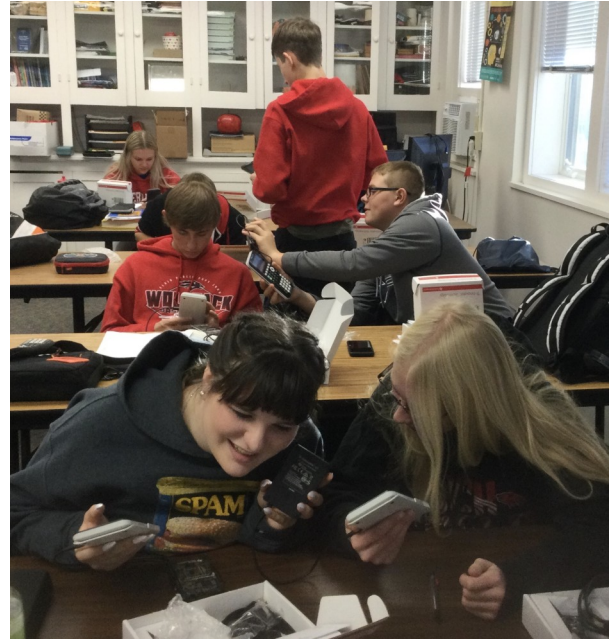


Gentry Zwingman and Garrett Busteed were selected to participate in the Children's All-State Choir in Lincoln on Wednesday, November 17th. They performed seven songs in four languages with 238 other choir members! Great job Gentry and Garrett!

KINDNESS COSTS NOTHING

Algebra With Music

From Mrs. Lindgren



The high school math department just got a shipment of Texas Instruments technology. The nine pre-calculus students got to try some of the technology out during the study of exponential functions. Mrs. Lindgren provided a short Basic program to the students that contained an exponential function. With the assistance of TI-84 Plus CE calculators and TI-Innovator Hubs, the students were able to turn that program into music. The sounds were created by using a combination of numbers representing the white notes in an octave, and by tweaking the equation, they could change the speed of the song, raise or lower the notes, or otherwise manipulate the sound. Two of my students decided my song, "Happy Birthday," wasn't a challenge, so they modified the code to play other songs. Who knew you could play music using a calculator and an algebraic function!

Thanksgiving Turkeys in Disguise

From Mrs. Eisenhauer



The third graders made disguises during November to save the turkey from becoming Thanksgiving dinner. They were very creative with their disguises! The turkeys were disguised as a gumball machine, a hunter in a blind, a rabbit, a dairy cow, and Santa to name a few. Please check out the pictures of all the turkey disguises on the Elgin Eagles website under the third grade tab!



Ashlyn Tillis



Ryker Lammers



Allie Scheer

Friendship Bread

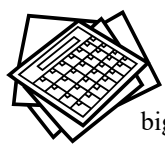
From Ms. Selting



The second graders have gained so many new skills this month in many different areas. They recently learned how to read a recipe and measure in 1 cup, ½ cup, tablespoon, and teaspoon increments. We put our skills to the test making the starter for some friendship bread. They might share with you if you're lucky!



Pictured (l to r) Back Row: Macie Suhr, Payton Switzer, Synclare Mack, and Paislee Braband. Front Row: Braxton Sparr, Hannah Hemenway, Ellie Vanis, and Bentley Bellar-Scott. Not Pictured: Symphony Hernandez



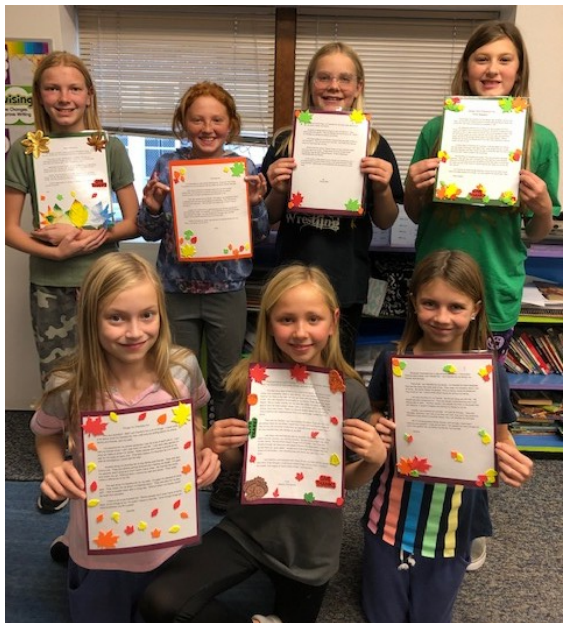
ACTIVITIES CALENDAR ON WEBSITE

This is the time of year when calendar events change frequently! Often JV games get added or deleted and that changes the starting time for the other games. Postponements for weather and illness can make some big changes in the calendar. Please check the daily bulletin and the website calendar for any changes!

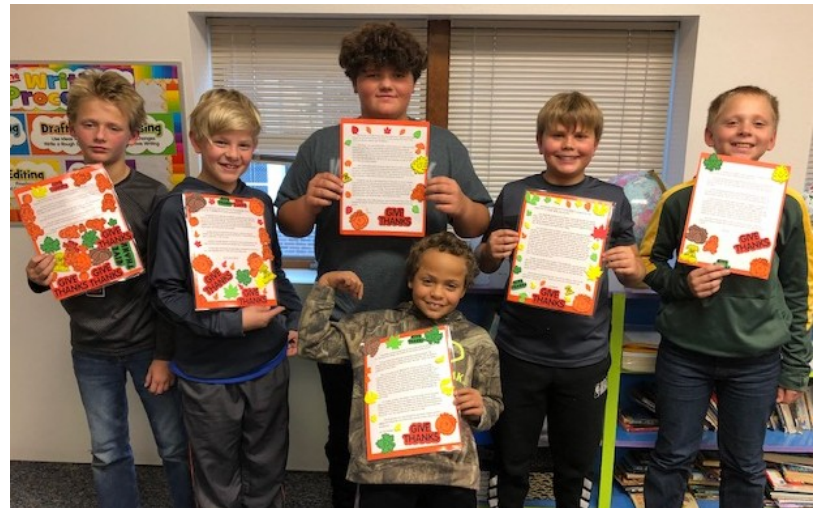
Always Thankful

From Mrs. Borer

November is always a time to think about why you're thankful. The fifth graders wrote about what they're thankful for. They typed their final draft, had them laminated, then decorated to take home.



Girls' Back Row: Jael, Anna, Kinley M, Macy
Front row: Kynlee T, Gentry, and Sophia



Boys pictured are Ethan, Xander, Jayvin, Trey, Braedon, and John

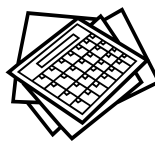
ART News

From Mrs. R. Heithoff

Christmas will be here before we know it and the elementary Art students will be busy creating Christmas designs. First up will be how to draw a tree and various decorations such as ornaments. They will use their new skills to draw and paint a handmade Christmas card. The 7th grade students will be busy creating still life drawings and paintings. The high school students will spend December creating their last independent projects of the quarter.



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

From Mr. Becker

The NFHS Voice: Poor Sportsmanship, Pandemic Contribute to Shortage of Officials Dr. Karissa Niehoff, NFHS Executive Director

“As high schools begin a third school year of sports and other activities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, a familiar issue continues to challenge administrators nationwide: finding enough individuals to officiate all scheduled contests.

In some states, Friday Night Lights have become Thursday or Saturday Night Lights as teams consider playing on alternate dates to accommodate the lack of individuals to officiate games.

The shortage of officials in high school – and middle school – sports has been a growing concern for several years – in large part due to unsportsmanlike behavior by parents and other adult fans. Now, additional sports officials are electing to stay on the sidelines because of health concerns related to COVID-19.

The challenge for schools and state associations remains two-fold: how to recruit more individuals to become officials and how to retain those people currently serving as officials. If a new official remains active after the first three to five years, the outlook for a long-term career is pretty good.

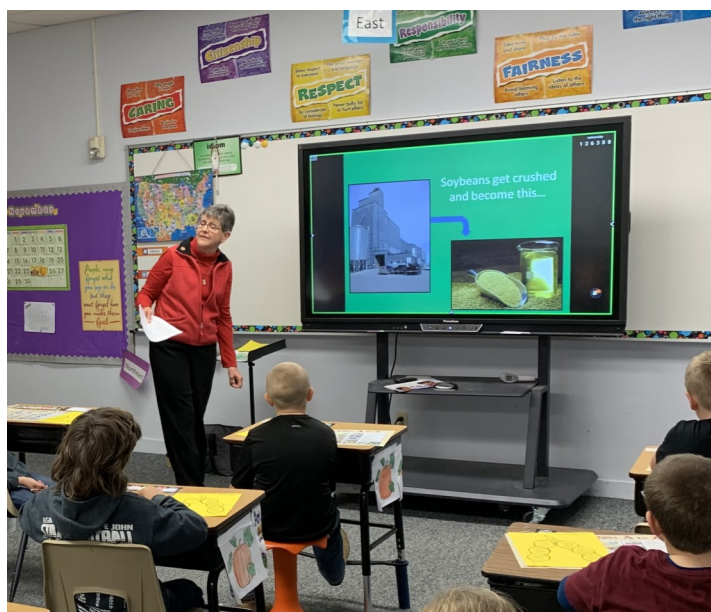
It continues to be an adult problem. Many of the issues that are seen aren't really the kids. It's generally the spectators, although it can be coaches at times when their behavior incites the crowd.

While the loss of officials because of the pandemic is understandable and uncontrollable, losing individuals from the officiating ranks due to the boorish behavior of parents and other adults is unacceptable.”

If anyone is interested in more information on how to become a certified official or would like to help at the Junior High level contact Mr. Becker and please remember good sportsmanship while attending contest this winter season.

NE Soybean Board

From Mr. Ostransky



Mrs. Beckman made an appearance back into the classroom on Friday. Mrs. Beckman is a member of the Nebraska Soybean Board and came and gave the 4th grade presentation on all of the ways we use soybeans!

Spanish Ofrendas

From Mr. Kaup



Spanish 2 created ofrendas (altars) in a jar honoring a loved one or a celebrity for Día de los muertos on November 1st and 2nd. Día de los muertos honors those that have passed away. Students are from left to right: Rylie Vitamvas, Jamie Dozler, Camryn Pelster, Jack Wemhoff, Isabella Smidt, Austin Good, (not pictured were David Durre, and Ethan Hinkle.)



Kali Dworak



Corbin Kinney

Spanish 3 created a traditional ofrenda about a celebrity who had passed away. Kali Dworak created an ofrenda for Paul Walker, and Corbin Kinney created an ofrenda for Elvis Presley.



Poppy's Pumpkin Patch

From Mrs. Wemhoff



The Kindergarten Class enjoyed a beautiful fall day at the pumpkin patch. Pictured are: front row: John Hemenway, Chase Boschen, Taysom Bottorf, Elijah Jacobs. Middle row: Gabe Schindler, Elli Allen, Cayson Bottorf, Addie Kinney, Mason Vanis. Back row: Thomas Suhr, Vannessa Buschow, and Aubree Bellar Scott

1st Graders Disguise Their Turkeys

From Mrs. Childers



The 1st graders aren't letting their turkeys get caught this year! They came up with such great disguises!



FFA District Livestock Judging

From Mrs. Schwartz



Elgin FFA Members look ready to compete in the District FFA Livestock Judging contest in Ord on November 17, 2021.



Members of the Junior Champion Livestock Team were (l to r) Samantha Durre, Baylee Busted, Brenna Martinsen, and Nick Anderson.

Elgin FFA Jr. Team Champions at District X Livestock Judging Contest

Team members Samantha Durre, Baylee Busted, Brenna Martinsen and Nick Anderson earned District Champion honors at the District 10 Livestock Judging contest on November 17th in Ord, NE. Samantha was the 8th overall individual, Baylee 9th, Nick 12th, and Brenna 14th out of 203. These members have earned a trip to the Nebraska State FFA Convention in April with this placing! Other FFA chapters competing in the district contest were; Ainsworth, Burwell, Ord, O'Neill, West Holt, Wheeler Central, Loup County, Keya Paha, Rock County, Elkhorn Valley, Sargent, Stuart, Neligh, Boyd County and Chambers.

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.



Our Lunch Program accepts online payments.

If you have questions, contact

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for more details.

Make someone's day amazing!



Shakespeare In The Leaves

From Mrs. Shumake-Henn

As part of their unit on Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, the juniors recently rewrote and performed the famous balcony scene. Their purpose was to modernize the work of the Bard in order to make it more user friendly.

Their scenes boasted many masculine Juliets, a few "No caps," and numerous references to Snapchat.

Great job of keeping us entertained, English 11.



Ethan Hinkle



William Heilhecker



David Durre



Camryn Pelster



Austin Good



Jack Wemhoff & Maddie Kolm

Hood, of Sherwood

From Mrs. Rittscher

From Mrs. Lordemann



Cast & Crew of "Hood, Of Sherwood" performed at NVC competition on Tuesday, Nov. 16th at Pope John High School. Pictured (Front, L to R) Mrs. Sonia Rittscher, Director, Isabella Smidt, Jessica Getzfred, Baylee Busted, Lily Smidt, Maddie Kolm, Emma Kinney, Brenna Martinsen, and Mrs. Jenna Lordemann, Asst. Director. (Middle row, L to R) Austin Hinkle, William Heilhecker, Corbin Kinney, Ethan Hinkle, Austin Good, Jack Wemhoff, and Collin Lindgren. (Back row, L to R) Keyera Eisenhauer, Camryn Pelster, Chloe Henn, Colton Wright, Callie Heithoff, Samantha Durre, and Blake Ofe.



While all of our actors and crew performed admirably, some of our actors were recognized as Outstanding Actors and Actresses:

Austin Hinkle, as Rich Man
Austin Good, as Robin
Corbin Kinney, as Allen A Dale
Ethan Hinkle, as Little John
William Heilhecker, as Prince John
Isabella Smidt, as Maid Marian
Baylee Busted, as Rich Woman



Muffins with Moms
Friday, December 3rd, 2021
at 7:30 AM

Please join us in the gymnasium for juice, milk, muffins and some reading before school.

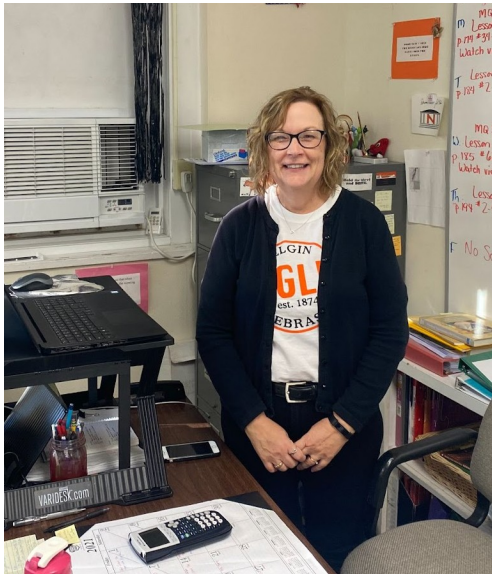
Grades PreK thru 6th

**** If Mom cannot attend you can find a substitute ****

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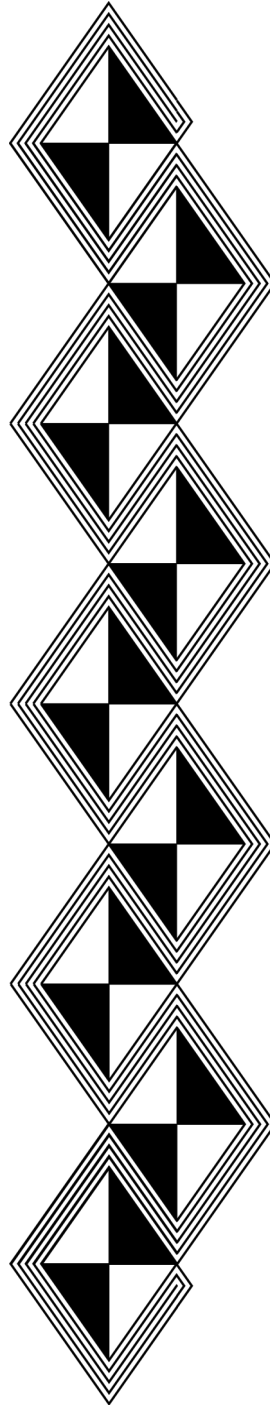
by Greg Wemhoff
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An expert in mathematics education, Dorothy Heithoff uses her education and 34 years of experience to inspire, support, mentor and make a difference in her students' lives.



An expert in Elementary Education, Trent Ostransky uses his Masters in Education and his 6 years of experience to support, praise and educate all individuals towards their path to success.



An expert in Agriculture and Science, Julia Schwartz uses her education and 16 years of experience to prepare and support individuals in agricultural careers by informing them about agriculture, its needs, opportunities and challenges.



An expert in Business and Computer Education, Krista Kravig uses her degree and 8 years of experience to share her passion for business and technology.

Administratively Speaking . . .



By Supt. Mike Brockhaus
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At the time of this writing, we at Elgin Public Schools hopes everyone enjoyed a great Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends. We are a short time from Christmas Break, but we must keep the main thing the main thing: The education of the Elgin Public students.

We will be conducting the pilot test of the NSCAS test in December as well as completing the final stretch of the first semester. We need to keep the students focused on the tasks at hand in the classroom while the new activities of winter will be starting up with competition: Girls and boys wrestling, girls and boys basketball, speech, one act districts, FFA competitions, cyberpatriots, and music concerts.

With the many activities that the students are involved in, we must help them to remember to eat the right foods, drink the correct fluids, and get plenty of rest so they can be successful in the classroom as well as in their activities. Elgin Public Schools would also like to wish everyone a Safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



***December 22 -Early Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.
School Resumes January 4th***

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