



# EAGLE UPDATE

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## DATES TO REMEMBER



Feb. 2  
**NO SCHOOL**  
(1/2 day  
teacher inservice  
in p.m.)



Feb. 8  
**National  
FCCLA Week**



Feb. 12  
**School Board  
Mtg. in ITV  
Room 7:30 p.m.**



Feb. 20  
**NO SCHOOL**



Feb. 22  
**National FFA  
Week**



## Third Grade Brain Break



*Third Grade students are shown taking a brain break to awaken their brain cells before the next task!*

### Need a Brain Break??

The third graders are learning so many new things this year that sometimes they need to give their brains a break. We have discovered a fun website called [gonoodle.com](http://gonoodle.com). GoNoodle is a website of brain breaks that we use in our classroom. It helps us when we need to focus or when we switch from one subject to another. It also helps us when we are feeling stressed or anxious, maybe for an upcoming test. Our teacher also lets us do brain breaks when we have had a great day and deserve a reward. GoNoodle has different videos that we can dance, run, jump, sing, or do deep breathing to help us concentrate on all of the things we learn. GoNoodle is also something that parents can use at home for free. Go to the [gonoodle.com](http://gonoodle.com) website, create a family account for free, and have fun as a family. The third graders love [gonoodle.com](http://gonoodle.com) and are finding it to be helpful in using their "noodles" or brains to focus on learning!



# EPS Speechsters Ready to Roll

As soon as the air turns cold and the snow hits the ground, the excitement grows. Everyone knows just what's around the corner. It's speech season!

This year's speech team is sixteen members strong. Many participants are returnees from last year, but the team has also gained some new talent.

"This is one of the first seasons we have fielded nearly a full team," said co-coach Stacy Shumake-Henn. "If all of our events pan out, we should be able to compete as a team this year as well."

Competing on the team this year are the following:

**Seniors:** Christopher Bush-OID, Lisa Dohmen-Humorous, Ethan Fischer-Duet, and Tyler Smith-Entertainment

**Juniors:** Dylan Widger-Poetry and OID, Morgan Carpenter-Humorous, Kaitlyn Polk-Serious, Alois Warner-Duet and OID, Mason Vleck-Poetry, Austin Miller-Extemporaneous and Informative.

**Sophomores:** Kenny Bush-Duet and OID, Zoey Bergman-Duet and OID, Paige Nichols-Entertainment,

Taya Voborny-OID, Jaime Hoefler-OID and Serious, Austin Dohmen-Informative. The team is co-coached by Shumake-Henn and Jessie Reestman.

The squad will travel to the Howells-Dodge Invite Wednesday, January 28 for their season opener.

Good Luck, EPS Speech Team. May all of your hard work, dedication and long nights of practice pay off!



# THINK!

Before You ...

- Text
- You Tube
- Google +
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Facebook


# THINK!

- T—Is it true?
- H—Is it helpful?
- I—Is it inspiring?
- N—Is it necessary?
- K—Is it kind?

RESPECT YOURSELF.  
RESPECT OTHERS.



[www.preventingcrime.ca/THINK](http://www.preventingcrime.ca/THINK)

\*\*\*\*\*  
\* **Snow Days** \*  \*  
\* CALLING SCHOOL OR \*  
\* ACTIVITIES OFF DUE TO \*  
\* WEATHER is a very \*  
\* difficult and somewhat \*  
\* controversial decision sometimes. Please be \*  
\* advised that if you EVER disagree with the \*  
\* decision and wish to keep your children home or \*  
\* have them come home that is completely within \*  
\* you discretion. Just let the school know. \*  
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## FCCLA CandyGrams For Sale

*Large 18" Mylar balloon w/bag of mini candy—  
\$6.00*

*Small 9" Mylar balloon on a stick with small  
candy bar—\$4.00*

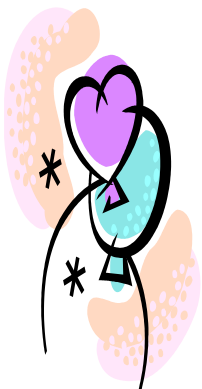
Kinds of candy available:

Snickers, Reeses, Skittles, Nibs,

Plain or Peanut M & M's, Hugs & Kisses, Starbursts

Place your order by February 12th with any FCCLA member or  
call the school 843-2455.

Payment must accompany your order.  
Order forms are available on the website.



# 100th day of School

Kindergarten and first grade students celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Each student completed a project using 100 of an item of their choice. Wednesday was spent working together on a variety of activities involving lots of 100's.



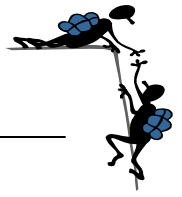
*Kindergarten students: (kneeling) Gavin Kallhoff, Gavin Harkins, Baylee Chessmore, Drew Kilday, Cameron Kallhoff, Alec Kester, Antonio Zeggara (standing) Evin Pelster, Annastasia Smith, Lillie Kinney, Braelyn Martinsen, Megan Wright, Ruby Durre, Justice Blecher, Kierstyn Eisenhauer, Libby Evans, Gemma Miller, Madisyn Evans, Tristen Mortinsen*



*First Grade students: (sitting) Emma Meis, Ryan Bruns, Madisen Camp, Grady Druke, Jayda Chessmore, Creighton Harkins, Alison Kirstine (standing) Aiden Chiles, Kayton Zwingman, Jacorey Weidner, Kyndal Busteed, Taytumn Clouse, Logan Starman*

# Counselor's Corner

by Mrs. Barb Bode



## It's FAFSA Time!

If you're a college-bound senior, you must complete the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to apply for state, federal and college-based financial aid. Submit the form before your college's FAFSA priority date (typically between March 1 and April 1) as some financial aid is awarded first-come, first-served. Check with your college to learn their specific date.

## Follow these steps to complete the FAFSA:

**Complete your taxes early** as the FAFSA requires current tax information. Within three weeks after you and your parents file your tax forms, your IRS data should be available to retrieve and transfer into your FAFSA through the [IRS Data Retrieval](#) process.

## Gather these [student and parent items](#):

- 2014 federal income tax forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)
  - 2014 W-2 forms
  - Student's driver's license number
  - Social Security numbers
  - Birth dates
  - Date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed
  - Current cash, savings and checking account balances
  - Current investment values (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CDs, etc.) excluding your home and retirement accounts
  - Value of business (if more than 100 employees)
  - Value of investment farm (Do not include the value of a family farm that you or your parents live on and operate.)
  - 2014 child support (paid and/or received)
  - 2014 Workers' Compensation
  - Other untaxed income in 2014 such as housing/food/ living allowances for military and clergy
- Alien Registration Number for eligible non-citizens

## Be prepared to answer the following FAFSA question:

Did you or anyone in your household receive any of the following federal benefits?

- Supplemental Security Income
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- TANF ((Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- Free or Reduced Price Lunch
- WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children)

**Complete and file the FAFSA at [FAFSA.gov](#).** The colleges you list on the application will receive the results.

If you're filing the FAFSA for the first time and would like *free* personal help, call the EducationQuest location nearest you to set up an appointment: Omaha – 888.357-6300, Lincoln - 800-303-3745, Kearney - 800-666-3721, or Scottsbluff – 800.303.3745, ext. 6654.

## Join EducationQuest for a FAFSA Completion Webinar

This free webinar will walk you through the FAFSA and help you complete the form.

### EducationQuest FAFSA Completion Webinar

Tuesday, February 24 - 7 p.m. (CT)

[Webinar link](#)

To join the webinar, click on the link. The password is **college**.

## Check out these *free* FAFSA tools

Visit the "[FAFSA Tools](#)" section at [EducationQuest.org](#) where you'll find:

**College Funding Estimator** – estimates your FAFSA results

**FAFSA Demo** – walks you through the online FAFSA

**FAFSA Checklist** – provides a list of items you need to gather before you complete the FAFSA

**FAFSA Tutorial** – explains each FAFSA question

## February "To Do" List

### Seniors:

- \_\_\_ Complete student and parent 2014 tax returns.
- \_\_\_ Complete the FAFSA at [FAFSA.gov](#).
- \_\_\_ Continue to apply for scholarships.

### Juniors:

- \_\_\_ [Register](#) by February 13 for the March 14 SAT.
- \_\_\_ [Register](#) by March 13 for the April 18 ACT.





# “The Great War”

The 8th and 10th grade history students at EPS have been studying World War One, and understanding why it was called the “Great War”, or the “War to End all Wars”. Students have discovered that the war was a stale mate, there were extremely high casualty rates, and it was such a large scale war all because it was the first industrialized war. Even though it was the First World War many do not know it very well. Here are some little known facts that put the war into perspective.

## Famous People of WWI

Humphrey Bogart, Walt Disney, Charles DeGaulle, Ernest Hemmingway, Pope John XXIII, Lawrence of Arabia, Winston Churchill, Bella Lugosi, Fritz Kreisler, Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Fiorello LaGuardia, Harry Truman, King Edward VIII, General Marshall, General George Patton, General E. Rommel , General Douglas MacArthur, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Field Marshall Montgomery, Walter Brennan.

## Did You Know

- During the summer and fall of 1914, France lost as many men on the battlefield as the U.S.Army would lose in all of the 20th century!
- There were 70,000,000 men and women in uniform of that number one-half were either killed, wounded or became prisoners of war.
- In Great Britian at the end of the war there were 250,000 wounded soldiers who suffered total or partial amputation.
- The Spanish Influenza of 1918 killed 51 million people worldwide!
- During the course of the Great War 11% of Frances's entire population was killed or wounded.
- Veteran's Day was once called Armistice Day.  
The day WWI ended, peace was declared on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, 1918.
- Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany, Tsar Nicholas II of Russia and King George V of England were all first cousins-grandchildren of Queen Victoria of England.
- Claude Ryan of California, a World War One aviator built Charles Lindburgh's "Spirit of St. Louis".



Four members of the Elgin FCCLA Chapter competed in the District 8 STAR competition held at Wayne State College on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Participating in the STAR competition were Tera Henkenius, Jaime Hoefer, Paige Nichols and Austin Dohmen. Sharla Schindler served as a judge for one of the events. Receiving a silver medal in Life Event Planning was Austin Dohmen, earning a top gold in Interpersonal Communications Sr. was Jaime Hoefer and Paige Nichols. Also receiving a top gold in Family Challenges and Issues Sr. was Tera Henkenius. Tera, Jaime and Paige will advance to the state STAR competition to be held in April in conjunction with the FCCLA State Leadership Conference.

## **TO CHECK YOUR LUNCH ACCOUNT ONLINE:**

- ⇒ Go to the school website [www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org)
- ⇒ Click the "Lunch Account Balance" button on the right-hand side of the home page.
- ⇒ Enter your family ID number and PIN (If you do not know your family ID or PIN, please call the school)
- ⇒ Your lunch account balance will be shown. If you would like to see a detailed statement, scroll to the bottom of that page and click on a detailed version.

If you have any difficulties with access or questions about the program, please contact Anney Beckman 843-2455 or [anney.beckman@elgineagles.org](mailto:anney.beckman@elgineagles.org)

## Your child is absent?



1. If your child will not be in school, please call the school and let us know. We have voice mail so you can even call in the middle of the night when you are up with a sick child.
2. If your child is leaving during the day for an appt. send a note with your student letting the teacher know. Grades 7-12 should bring the note to the office in the morning before announcements are posted.

# Classroom Snippets ...

## Art Room News

The Elementary Art students have been busy working on a variety of projects since coming back from Christmas



break. They started off creating radial designs better known as snowflakes. They followed this with snowmen and valentines for vets. They will working on printmaking, painting and clay throughout the 3rd quarter.

7th graders have finished their paintings and are starting printmaking. They'll soon be show prepping their work for the Wakefield, Keya Paha and NVC Art shows.

The high school students are working on independent projects that include drawing, painting, printmaking, clay, stop-motion photography and paper mache sculpture.

## Second Grade News



January started in the deep freeze, but we are still very busy in second grade. We welcome to our class Austin Hinkle.

He comes to us from Iowa. We now have 14 studious students in second grade, 5 boys and 9 girls.

## 5th Gr. Success

At the beginning of the year the 5th grade students



chose a word for the year. They chose the word SUCCESS!! With the start of the 2nd semester the kids were reminded of this word again. How are they going to be successful in this quarter and then 2nd semester? They are reminded daily with the time they have in class that with their full effort they can be

very successful in many different things. With the 2nd semester being a very busy semester with homework and testing, I hope all students work hard throughout and have a very successful 2nd semester.

## Wolfpup Update--We're Off and Reading!

The first semester, the Sixth Graders were busy learning NeSA Prep skills, strategies, vocabulary, and comprehension skills in reading. The second phase of our study is to apply those strategies and skills by taking 16 practice reading tests on-line called Check 4 Learning. We get immediate feedback and then analyze the results so

we can improve. We took our first practice test on



Monday, January 19, 2015 and found out what we knew and what we still needed to work on. Finally, the third and final phase, will be sometime later this spring when it's time for the real deal – the Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) Statewide Reading Test. We're working diligently every day to give it our best shot. Go Wolfpups!

## Preschool

As we begin 2015 we welcome four new friends to our classroom. The four year old group gained three new friends and the three year olds added one. We are very excited to have them join us! Everyday in Preschool is a very busy one. We continue working on learning our letters, numbers, spatial concepts, sharing and working together with our friends. We are really excited that we will be celebrating 100 days of school this month.



## FFA members selected for Nebraska State FFA Honor Choir



Congratulations to Karissa Dicke, Miles Schrage and Elizabeth Seltling of the Elgin FFA Chapter. They have been selected to be a part of the Nebraska

FFA Honor Choir during the state convention in Lincoln April 8th - 10th, 2015.

## Spanish MovieMaker

The Spanish classes have jumped back into language acquisition with some creative, fun activities.

Spanish 3 are using MovieMaker to create videos showcasing the imperative mood.

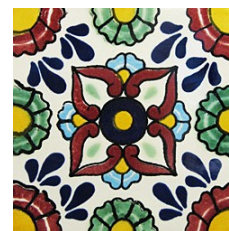
Spanish 2 are also going to use

MovieMaker to create videos about vacationing in Spanish speaking countries. Spanish 1 are going to begin creating clothing catalogs written in Spanish on Microsoft Publisher. We are looking forward to the end results!



## Math Problem

How many square tiles do you need to cover a square yard if each tile has 2-inch sides?



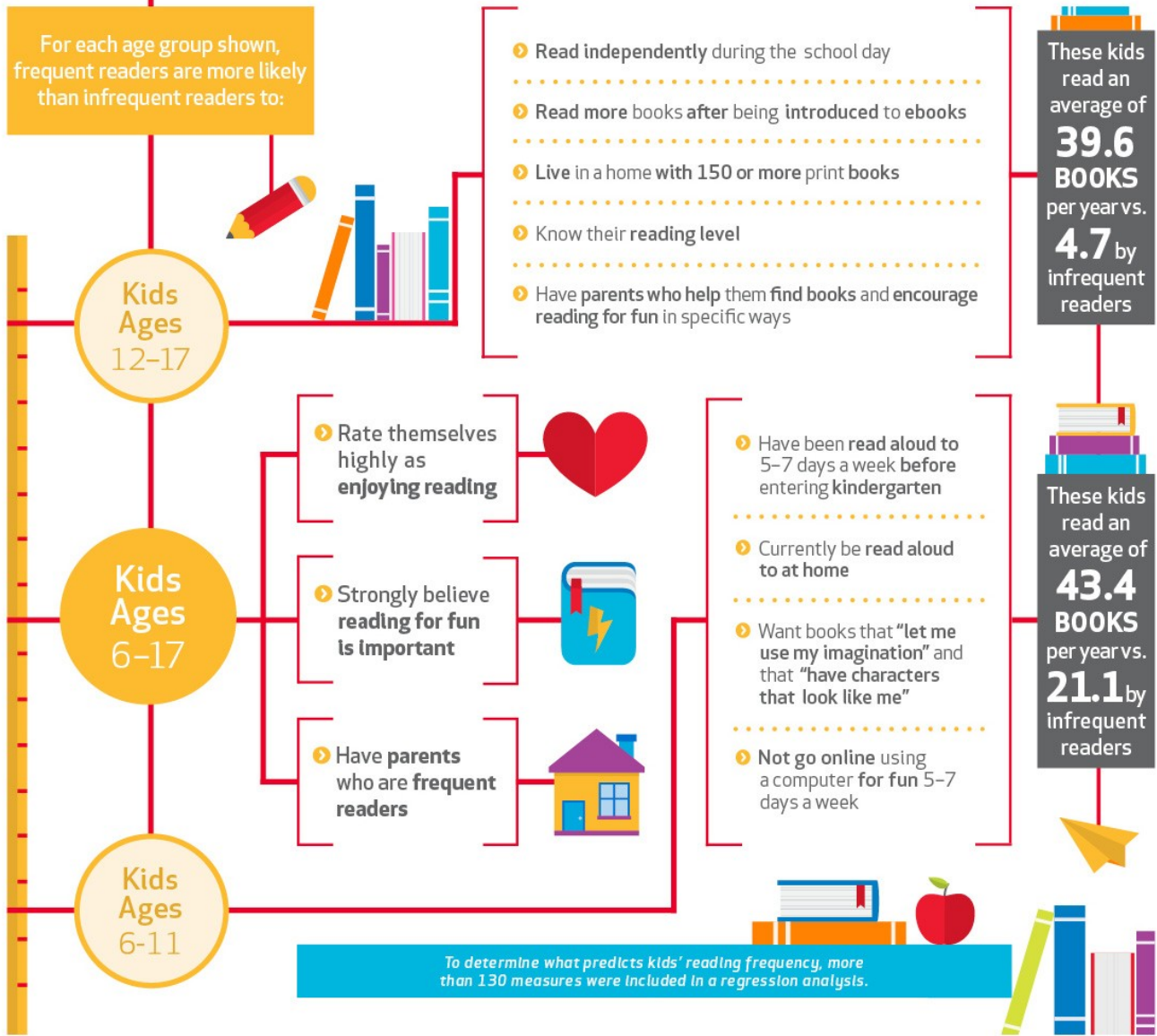
each side is 2 inches

The answer will appear on Miss J's web page under faculty on [www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org)

Good Luck!

# What Makes Frequent Readers: The Most Powerful Predictors

For each age group shown, frequent readers are more likely than infrequent readers to:



To determine what predicts kids' reading frequency, more than 130 measures were included in a regression analysis.

## The Kids & Family Reading Report™: Fifth Edition

Results from a nationally representative survey of 1,026 parents of children ages 6-17, plus one child age 6-17 from the same household, conducted August 29, 2014 through September 10, 2014, and managed by YouGov. Frequent readers are defined as children who read books for fun 5-7 days a week, whereas infrequent readers read books for fun less than one day a week. See the full methodology at [scholastic.com/readingreport](http://scholastic.com/readingreport).

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[scholastic.com/readingreport](http://scholastic.com/readingreport)

# Grandparents Are Important!

**fact:** *today*, there are **70 million** grandparents in the nation.

Grandparents represent one-third of the population with **1.7 million** new grandparents added to the ranks every year.

Grandparents lead **37%** of all U.S. households in this country — that's **44 million** households nationwide. And that number is increasing at twice the average annual rate of U.S. households overall — with the number to hit **50 million** by 2015.

**fact:** **grandparents love being grandparents.**

**72%** think being a grandparent is the single most important and satisfying thing in their life

**63%** say they can do a better job caring for grandchildren than they did with their own

**68%** think being a grandparent brings them closer to their adult children

**90%** enjoy talking about their grandkids to just about everyone

**fact:** **they are younger than ever before.**

**43%** became grandparents in their fifties, **37%** in their forties, with the average age of grandparents in this country at **48**.

By 2010, more than **50%** of the grandparent population will be baby boomers — by 2015, it will increase to nearly **60%**.

**fact:** **grandparents are active.**

**43%** exercise or play sports

**28%** volunteer on a regular basis

**18%** dance

**fact:** **they are intellectually curious.**

**71%** say reading is one of their favorite activities

**86%** read a newspaper in print or online

**fact:** **grandparents are wired.**

**75%** are online

**70%** use search engines to find information

**63%** shop online

**30%** instant message

**56%** share photos online

**46%** bank online

**45%** are on social networks like Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Yahoo! Groups

May 1st — Elgin Public School  
K-6 Grandparent Visit Day



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

Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. 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.

## 4TH Grade Peyton Manning Jingle



*Fifty Omaha Set Hut  
Losing feeling in my toes  
Nothing beats that new car smell  
Chicken parm, you taste so good  
Nationwide is on your side*

I bet you've seen the Nationwide commercial where Peyton Manning sings the catchy jingle. Well most students have at least. After hearing a student hum it one day in class, I decided to use it to our advantage. Since terminology like dividend, divisor, and quotient are difficult to master for upper elementary, we created our own saying to fit the jingle.

*Dividend is in the box*

*Divisor is on the left*

Anything you're having trouble remembering-- put to the jingle!

## REMEMBER THE THREE KEYS TO PREVENTING ILLNESS:



1. Teach your child to wash his hands thoroughly and often and to use waterless hand cleanser when water isn't available.

2. Give him disposable tissues; remind him to use and discard them.

3. Discourage him from sharing food, plates, cups or utensils.

## Elgin Public PASS System



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

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

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



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rom the Principal's desk . . .

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## Congratulations Quarter 2 Honor Roll Students

### ALL "A" Honor Roll

Allyson Wemhoff, Hunter Reestman, Kyle Heithoff,  
Elianne Heilhecker

### Superior Honor Roll

Front Row – Myranda Palmer, Ann Heilhecker,  
Araceli Palmer, Kately Copeland, Garet Behnk

2<sup>nd</sup> Row – Kira Widger, Kelsey Shoemaker, Lydia  
Behnk, Kaitlyn Polk

Back Row – Dylan Behnk, Tyler Smith, Tanner  
Welding, Alois Warner, Hayley Stamp



### Honor Roll

Front Row- Cory Romej, Adam Dreger, Jaime Hoefler, Baylee Wemhoff, Victoria Fangman, Tera Henkenius, Vada Kruse, Lisa Dohmen. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row – Paige Nichols, Emma Kerkman, Kaylee Martinsen, Breanna Carr, Leslie Nichols. 3<sup>rd</sup> Row – AJ Getzfred, Liam Heithoff, Kelsey Welding, Morgan Carpenter, Geoffrey Carr, Zoey Bergman. Top Row- Dylan Widger, Ethan Fischer, Kenny Bush, Christopher Bush and Sharla Schindler

# Administratively Speaking . . .

By Dan Polk  
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## 2015, WOW!

As a young elementary student growing up in the panhandle of Nebraska I could not fathom anything about the year 2015, and in what seems like the snap of the fingers it's 40+ years later and it has arrived. Little did I know I would still be in Nebraska, and though I thought at the time I would like to maybe grow up and be a teacher and coach; little did I realize what all that entailed, or that I would somehow end up in school administration. Sometimes, or it might be safer to say, most of the time, our paths are what we choose them to be but are then manipulate and tweaked by life as it is lived.

Starting with a solid framework, a good base, quality morals and work ethic developed by our parents, teachers and coaches of Nebraska gave my generation a great start down that path and I truly think today that the town, school and community of Elgin does the same for its young people. By giving them the tools, the knowledge, the experience and yes the expectations that we do; we help them along and prepare them for their path in life. It is SUCH A DIFFERENT WORLD than it was, but the formula to helping kids achieve is not that much different, it just maybe takes different forms.

Most of us went through college with no computer, no cell phones, no social media or modern day communication or technology what so ever....heck even calculators were not highly thought of by a lot of math teachers; but not anymore. The technology, methods, resources, communication has all changed, and our young people need to know how to utilize them, but the basics and what it takes to be a good and successful person have not; and it takes good people to recognize that and continue to instill that in their children. Elgin, Some bigger, some smaller, none better.....



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