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## DATES TO REMEMBER



Feb. 8  
NO SCHOOL  
Teacher Inservice  
1/2 day p.m.



School Board Mtg.  
6:30 p.m. in EPS  
Lunchroom



Feb. 14  
Happy Valentine's  
Day



Feb. 19  
NO SCHOOL

HAPPY  
Valentine's  
DAY



## Elgin TeamMates Donation

From Mr. Ostransky



Students are presenting their check to the Elgin TeamMates sponsors, Mrs. Rittscher and Mrs. Eisenhauer. Back row: Ruby Durre, Kyla Donaldson, Dannyka Smidt, Mady Kurpgeweit, Max Henn, Gemma Miller, Braelyn Martinsen, Libby Evans, and Riker Suhr. Middle Row: Megan Wright, Kipp Polston, Cylus Braband, Mrs. Sonia Rittscher, Mrs. Krista Eisenhauer, Kierstyn Eisenhauer, and Kaidynce Schrad. Front Row: Evin Pelster, Gavin Harkins, Tristen Mortensen, Baylee Chessmore, Molly Thiessen, Wyatt Paul, Sadie Thiessen, Rylen Schwarting, Kylee Lichtenburg, and Lilly Kinney. Not Pictured are Justice Blecher, Alex Moscoso, and Donmetrious Dredge.

The Fifth and Sixth Graders were able to raise \$124 to donate to the Elgin TeamMates Chapter. During Social Studies class, Mr. Ostransky explained how an assembly line worked. The students began work in an assembly line making Christmas wooden spoons as pictured to the right. The spoons were sold throughout the month of December and the proceeds were then donated to the Elgin Chapter of TeamMates. Great job, students!



Check our website for the most current news and calendar: [www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org)



# Thumbs Up 2021!

From Mrs. Childers



Thumbs up to an awesome 2021- 1st grade is ready! We are working hard AND looking forward to being able to finish the whole school year! Let's make 2021 great! :)

From Mrs. R. Heithoff



# Art News

The K-2 Elementary Art students have been busy creating snowmen and snowflakes while the older students focused on oil pastel still life drawings and paper mache sculptures.

Grades 3-6 will be creating masks. At this point we're still discussing exactly what kind. Suggestions have included animals, aliens and people. We'll see what the final product is.

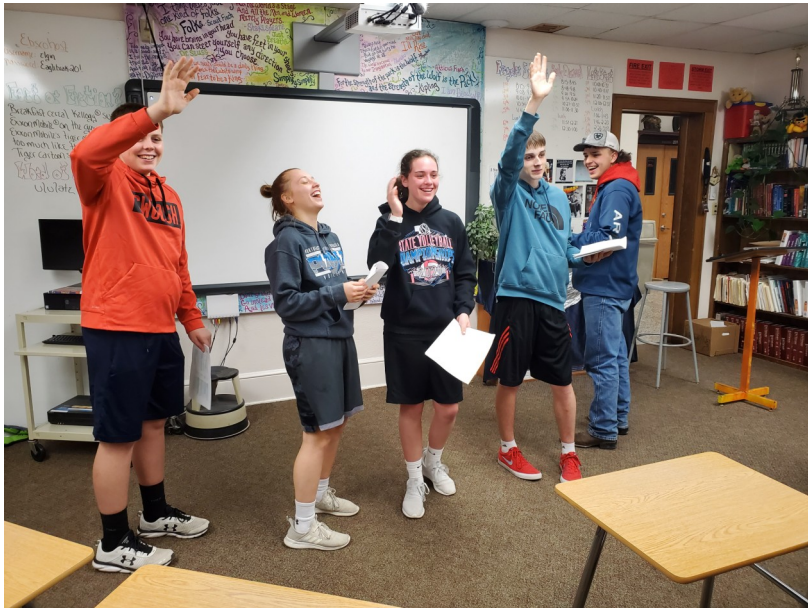
The high school students continue on individual projects that include paintings, drawings, paper mache sculptures and collages.

Things turn out  
best for the people  
who make  
the best of the way  
things turn out.

*John Wooden*

# SPEECH 2021

From Mrs. Shumake-Henn



It's January, and that means two things in the halls of EPS: 1. It's going to be cold outside. 2. It's going to be loud in Mrs. Shoe's room in the evenings.

That's right. It's speech season. This year's team boasts fourteen members. Returning seniors include Theanna Dunn and Jordan Lindgren. Jessica Getzfred is the lone junior on the team. The sophomores are represented by Jack Wemhoff, William Heilhecker, Austin Good, Ethan Hinkle, Kristopher Moreno, Dave Durre, Corbin Kinney, and Collin Lindgren. New faces to the team are freshmen Keyera Eisenhauer, Brenna Martinsen, and Baylee Busted. Co-coaches for the team are Jessie Reestman and Stacy Shumake-Henn.

The team will open their season Friday, February 12 at Lindsay Holy Family.

# Elgin FFA Attends District LDE

From Mrs. Schwartz



District LDE Elgin FFA Participants spent January 13th in Ainsworth competing against other FFA students from this area. Participants pictured are (back row): Ally Selting, Ethan Hinkle, Alyssa Burenheidi, Gage Thiessen, Dylon Lueking, Sam Hemenway, Nick Anderson. Front row: Callie Heithoff, Baylee Busted, Marissa Preister, Theanna Dunn, Kate Furstenau, Keyera Eisenhauer, Brenna Martinsen and Taylynne Charf

## EHCC Candy Grams For Sale

Small candy bar & 12 oz red Gatorade - \$5.00  
Add a 2nd candy bar for \$1.00

From Mrs. Borer

Kinds of candy available:

*Skittles, Snickers, Reese's, Hershey's bar,  
Starbursts, Kit-Kat, plain M&Ms, peanut M&Ms*

**Place your order by February 8th**

**Go online [www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org) to fill out the order form or pick up a form in the EPS office.**

**Deliveries will be made Friday, February 12th  
To anywhere in the town of Elgin.**

**Payment must accompany your order**



# FOURTH GRADE RECORDERS

From Mrs Jones



The fourth grade class is continuing the unit on recorders. The students are getting proficient with the notes we've learned and are ready for new adventures in the musical world of recorders. To great musicianship and beyond!!!

## Bucket Fillers in 3rd Grade

From Mrs. Eisenhauer

The third graders started the second semester off by becoming bucket fillers. Mrs. Eisenhauer read them a book titled *How Full is Your Bucket?* By Tom Rath and Mary Reckmeyer. The story told of a boy named Felix who wakes up one morning to find an invisible bucket floating over his head. A rotten morning threatens his mood and his bucket becomes close to empty. Felix discovers how to refill his bucket and also how to fill other's buckets by being kind. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders took this lesson and are working on being bucket fillers. The students get to fill out bucket filler slips complimenting others in their class. The slips are then put into the students' mailboxes for them to read at the end of each day in hopes of filling their bucket. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders love reading compliments from their classmates and hope to expand their bucket filling to outside of the classroom soon!


Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Today I wanted to fill your bucket by telling you that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your friend,

\_\_\_\_\_





# Grateful Kindergarten Kids in 2021

From Mrs. Wemhoff



These are the people and things the Kindergarten Class is most grateful for in 2021. Back row Sloane Miller-Mom and Dad, Cora Beckman-My family, Mason Fletcher-Mom and Dad, Case Romej-My Grandma, Chase Young-Dad and my baby kitty, Jozzy Mack-My Mom, Caleb Fangman-Taryn, Rylie Beard-My cat Front row Ellie Boschen-Mom and Dad, Taryn Schindler-Grandma and Grandpa, Izaak Lopez-Jackson and my dog, Grant Blecher-My Grandpa, Aimelyn Moscoso-Mommy and Dad, Jackson Evans-Mom and Dad, Presley Richardson-Aimelyn, and Shay Morrison-My mom

# STOCK MARKET GAME

From Mr. Mlinar



Economic students will participate in The Stock Market Game. Students will manage a virtual \$100,000 portfolio. Participants can buy and/or sell stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. During the simulation, students will:

- Compete against other students from other schools

- Research potential investments

- Experience the day to day gyrations of the market

- Learn the difference between trading and investing

- Collaborate with classmates on ideas

- Understand the dangers of margin (investing loan)

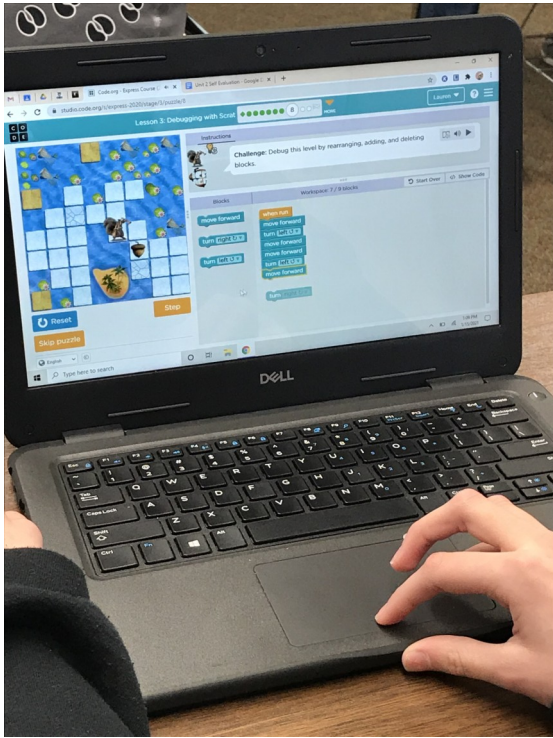
Good luck investors!



# Foundations of Computing

From Mrs. Thiele-Blecher


From Mrs. D. Heithoff



Foundations of Computing is a new class for some of the Junior High students this semester. The students are starting out by using block coding to create some of the most basic computer programs. So far this year, they have programmed dance moves for a character, helped Angry Birds capture their pig, and learned how to do some simple debugging of a program. As the semester progresses they will continue to write more lines of code and create more complex programs.

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## Snow Days

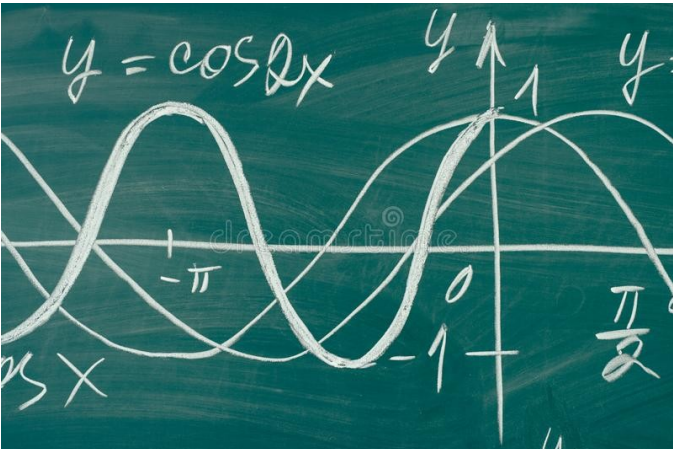


CALLING SCHOOL OR ACTIVITIES OFF DUE TO WEATHER is a very difficult and somewhat controversial decision sometimes. Please be advised that if you EVER disagree with the decision and wish to keep your children home or have them come home that is completely within your discretion. Just let the school know.

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# Trigonometry 2nd Semester

From Mrs. Lindgren



My math students have done well starting out this semester, even though they may not agree with me! I am teaching one new college course, Trigonometry, through Northeast College. I have one student taking the class for dual credit, and another is taking it as a high school course. We are graphing unit circles, and learning trigonometric ratios! SOH-CAH-TOA is just the tip of the trigonometric iceberg!

**Fun Fact: From 0 to 1,000, the letter "A" only appears in 1,000 ("one thousand")**

## MAP Testing 2021

From Mr. Wemhoff

Twice a year students at EPS are administered the MAP assessments. Earlier this year (September) they were given the first of two assessments and next week these same students will be given the second round of assessments. The information below explains in a “nutshell” “why we give this assessment and why it is so important to get the best effort from every student. Testing will take place on the following dates: **February 23rd and 25th and April 2nd and 4th**. Thanks for your help and please encourage your children to do the best they can.

### The purpose of MAP assessments ....

- is to provide an instructional level of our students
- provides a road map for students toward achieving mastery
- to give information to help inform instructional decisions
- to give immediate data and dynamic, interactive reports for parents and teachers

### What are MAP assessments?

- MAP stands for “Measuring Academic Progress”
- MAP “Fits the test to the student, not the student to the test”
- MAP provides differentiated assessment data to find the instructional level of all students
- MAP provides accurate and reliable assessment data across a common and stable scale (like a ruler or yardstick)
- MAP gives teachers additional information to help make decisions about your child’s education

### What are the main features of MAP testing?

- MAP testing is “computer adaptive” meaning that questions will adapt to the student’s achievement level
- The computer adapts questions until it finds the student’s RIT level with an acceptable standard error measure
- MAP tests are not timed, students may take as much time as they need
- MAP measures and reports student growth over time.

### What subject areas do MAP assessments measure?

- Reading
- Mathematics
- Language Usage
- General Science
- Science Concepts and Processes

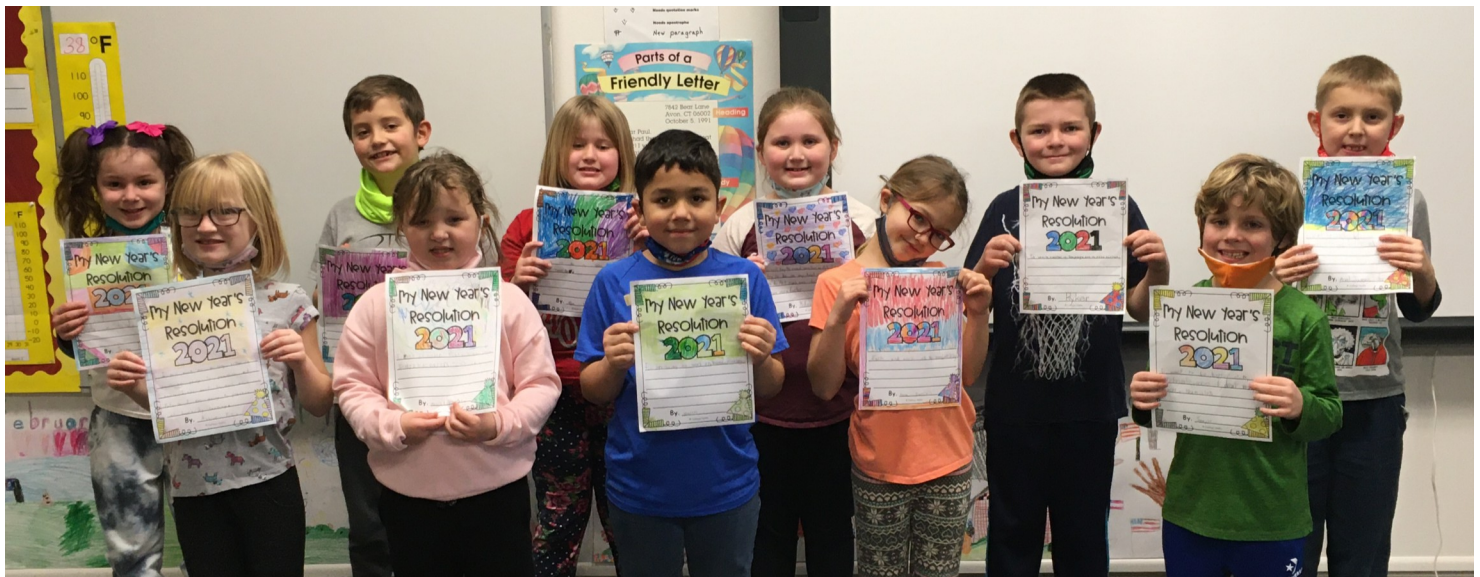
### Listed below are a couple things that you as a parent can do to help your student prepare for the tests:

- Talk to your student about the test. Ask questions and let your student know you are aware of the tests and their importance.
- Help students get eight (8) hours of sleep. Being well rested promotes brain function and the ability to pay attention.  
Eat a healthy breakfast. Having nutritious foods prior to the test will allow students to focus more effectively.

For more information on resources for parents, download the *Parent Toolkit* at [www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org) under Partner Support. This is a great resource for a parent that is totally free.

## Second Grade New Year's Resolutions

From Mrs. Beckman



*The second grade wrote New Year's Resolutions for 2021. We have them hanging in our room and will be checking them throughout this semester to see if we are reaching our goals.*



# January was National Mentor Month. THANK YOU ELGIN TEAMMATES MENTORS!

(If you are interested in mentoring, call and talk to Mrs. Sonia Rittscher or Mrs. Krista Eisenhauer.)



## *Upcoming Dates:*

March 1 - NO SCHOOL  
March 5 - NO SCHOOL  
March 12 - NO SCHOOL

March 17 - Late Start 10:00 a.m.  
March 18 - Early Dismissal 1:00 p.m.  
Student-Led Conferences  
March 20 - Jr./Sr. Prom

**It's Simple:**



**#BeKind**



# F

rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Greg Wemhoff  
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## 1<sup>ST</sup> Semester Honor Rolls

(All students not pictured)

### ALL "A" Honor Roll

Jarek Erickson  
Sara Bode  
Samantha Durre  
Callie Heithoff  
Jaidyn Schrad  
Baylee Busteed  
Keyera Eisenhauer  
William Heilhecker  
Ethan Hinkle



### Superior Honor Roll

Kyndal Busteed  
Creighton Harkins  
Trey Rittscher  
Kayton Zwingman  
Taylor Beckman  
Kate Furstenuau  
Chloe Henn  
Emma Kinney  
Sonni Suhr  
Nick Anderson  
Austin Good  
Corbin Kinney  
Isabella Smidt  
Jack Wemhoff  
Colton Wright



### Honor Roll

Halle Lueking  
Austin Hinkle  
Trissa Russell  
Kaeden Schwarting  
Lauren Vitamvas  
Blake Henn  
Dylon Lueking  
Brenna Martinsen  
Kristopher Moreno  
Jessica Getzfred  
Theanna Dunn  
Joey Getzfred  
Jordan Lindgren



# Administratively Speaking . . .



By Mike Brockhaus  
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We have had a great start to the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year and by now many of us probably have thought that we would have a couple closures by now. With great work and effort by our students, staff, and community, we have been able to keep the doors of Elgin Public Schools open throughout this pandemic....keep up the good work!! I was in the gym watching our many students have their pictures taken for the various honor rolls and I was thinking through the first semester and the beginning of the second semester, and one thought kept coming back to me.....we really have many great and neat kids in all ages. Even those that didn't have their picture taken are really great and neat kids. I have been visiting the classrooms on a daily basis to watch our students and staff in action and they are all doing great things.

It is amazing to me that we will soon be winding down the winter activities and the spring ones will be beginning. We will be trading the wrestling and basketball uniforms for the track and golf equipment and hopefully spring weather. Our speech and FFA activities will be ramping up as well with the turn of the seasons. During these transitions, one item will need to remain the focus and goal of our school and community: The education of the Elgin Public Students.



*Remember to order  
your EHCC  
CandyGram before  
Feb. 8th!*

*Order forms are in the main office  
or on our website:  
[www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org).*

## OPTION ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

Are you interested in sending your students to Elgin Public School? If you live outside of District 18 and would like to enroll for the fall semester 2021-2022, you must file the option enrollment application before March 15th. If you file after that date your resident school district determines whether they will allow you to opt out of their district. For further information or to request an option enrollment application, please contact the school office 843-2455.

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