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DATES TO REMEMBER



February 4-5
District Girls
Wrestling at
Nebraska City



February 7
NO SCHOOL



February 9
School Board Mtg.
6:30 p.m. in ITV
Room



February 11-12
District Boys
Wrestling at Burwell



February 18
NO SCHOOL
State Wrestling
Tourney



8th Graders To Compete at State FFA!

From Mrs. Schwartz



The four new 8th grade members competed in the Jr. High Quiz Bowl competition at the District X FFA LDE contests. There were 20 teams competing from schools in the FFA District. The team of Kayton Zwingman, Jarek Erickson, Trey Rittscher and Kyndal Busted placed 4th over all. Kayton also competed in Discovery Speaking and placed 4th overall earning a purple ribbon.

Also earning a trip to the State Convention in April were Baylee Busted and Sam Hemenway. Baylee placed 2nd in Jr. Public Speaking and Sam was the Champion Cooperative Speaker! Included in District X are schools; Atkinson, Ainsworth, Burwell, Boyd County, Chambers, Keya Paha, Loup County, Elkhorn Valley, Neligh, Stuart, Sargent, Rock County, Ord, & Wheeler Central.

Check our website for the most current news and calendar:
www.elgineagles.org

EPS Choir Attends Choral Clinic

From Mr. Heithoff



The EPS high school choir members participated in the 76th Boone Central Choral Clinic on January 10th. The singers performed Three Contemporary Latin Settings, The Wayfaring Stranger, Troika, Sisi Ni Moja, and Battle Hymn of the Republic. The choir was directed by Mr. Jacob Ritter, who currently teaches at Columbus High School.

Today is the day to learn something new!

100th Day Of School

From Ms. Selting



The 2nd Grade celebrated their 100th Day of School on January 20th! Pictured in front row: Ellie Vanis, Symphony Hernandez, Payton Switzer, Hannah Hemenway, Paislee Braband. Back row: Bentley Bellar-Scott, Synclaire Mack, Braxton Sparr. Not pictured: Macie Suhr

It's Simple:



#BeKind

EHCC Candy Grams are for sale until February 10th!

Gatorade and a candy bar for \$5.
Add another candy for \$1.

Available choices: Reese's, Hershey's, Starbursts, Skittles, Snickers, Peanut M&Ms, Plain M&Ms.

Forms are available at school or order online at www.elgineagles.org.

Payment must accompany order.
Thank you for your support!



JUST POP-IT

From Mrs. Childers

Our classroom has some new games! The kids are obsessed with pop-it fidgets and we can now throw math into it! They roll the dice, pop that number of bubbles, and want to get all their bubbles popped before their opponent. Who knew numbers could be so much fun!?:)



Art News

From Mrs. R. Heithoff



Kindergarten, First and Second grade Art students are busy creating Valentines. They are learning how to create a pattern to trace to make their own hearts. After cutting out their hearts, the students Zentangle them using fine point felt tip pens to add decoration.

Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've done before.
- Bonnie Blair

Ribbon Dancing

From Mr. Heithoff



3rd grade has been working on the song Mo Li Hua from China which includes ribbon dancing!

PUBLIC NOTICE

Residents of District 18, Elgin, are notified that School District 18, Elgin, NE participates in all required Special Education Services for all resident students, ages 0-21. If you know of any student not currently being serviced by an appropriate educational program or have questions concerning the Special Education Program, contact the Superintendent's office at Elgin Public School.

Elgin Public School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap. Further, the school complies with all Title IX and Equal Employment Opportunity guidelines as determined by Federal directives.

Kindergarten Class Wishes

From Mrs. Wemhoff



In 2022 we want to learn to do a lot of new stuff. Here are our ideas!!

Front row:

Vanessa Buschow wants to learn to read chapter books.

Aubree Bellar Scott wants to learn to read chapter books.

Selene Lopez wants to learn to write and spell words.

Addie Kinney wants to learn to add big numbers.

Aubree Meis wants to learn to add numbers in math.

Ellianna Allen wants to read chapter books she can't already read.

Back row:

John Hemenway wants to learn to build lego sets by myself.

Demonta Flythe wants to learn to read books.

Mason Vanis wants to learn to draw tigers.

Gabe Schindler wants to learn to read big books.

Chase Boschen wants to learn to read dinosaur books.

Taysom Bottorf wants to learn to read chapter books like Cael.

Cayson Bottorf wants to learn to drive a golf cart.

Elijah Jacobs wants to learn to count by 5s.



FFA Livestock Judging



Members of the Elgin FFA attended Battle Creek FFA's 2nd annual livestock judging contest on Friday, January 21st.

Preschool Fun

From Mrs. Vanis



The weather hadn't cooperated with playing outside so the morning preschoolers have been busy creating castles, towers and pens for their animals.

Back row: Lillian Whitney, Hadley Haddix, Owen Sauser, Brycen Pelster and Lorenzo Lopez
Middle row: Ainsley Beckman
Front row: Ryle Switzer, Ryleigh Young and Kayson Evans



With no snow outside to build a snowman the afternoon preschoolers enjoyed making their snowmen indoors!



Back row: Quinn Dewey, Parker Borer, Oliver Mork, Easton Bode, Ethan Starman, Robin Heithoff, and Rhyen Hoefer
Middle Row: Weston Childers, Charlotte Sehi, Lennon Funk, Zekkious Hoefer, Eleanor Beckman, and Elwood Mack
Front row: Emersyn Heying, Lexi Beard, Stella Sehi, Hadley Burke and Leyton Beckman. Not pictured: Callan Schindler and Seth Schindler

Winter Concert

From Mrs. Borer



The winter concert was held in January. The fifth grade class had a lot of fun at the winter concert singing and playing in the band.

Pictured in back row (l to r): Braedon Hinkle, Jael Lammers, Kinley Miller, Macy Rokahr, Kynlee Tillis, Jayvin Erickson, and John Zwingman

Front row: Xander Braband, Sophia Burke, Trey Dredge, Anna Dworak, Gentry Zwingman, Ethan Hansen

*You learn something every day
if you pay attention.*

– Ray LeBlond

*All things good to know are
difficult to learn.*

– Greek proverb

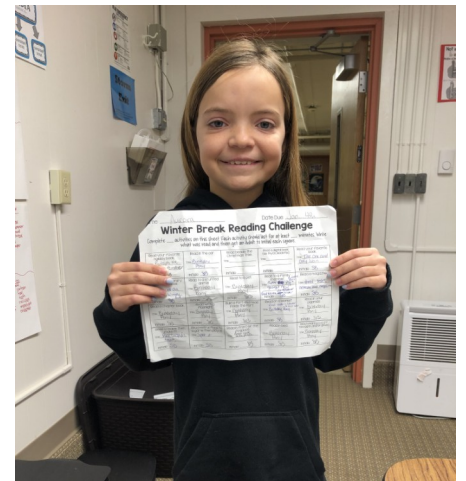
Winter Break Reading Challenge

From Ms. Shepherd

Each month some of Miss Shepherd's reading classes have taken on the challenge of reading a certain amount of minutes in a month. In November, Levi Scheer, Jael Lammers, and Xander Braband met their goal of 400 minutes. In December, Levi Scheer and Braxton Sparr surpassed their goals. Levi read 50 minutes above his goal, and Braxton read 195 minutes above his goal!

During winter break, they also took on the winter break reading challenge. Some choices of activities included: reading by a fireplace, reading to an animal, reading inside of a fort, reading instructions to a game and then playing the game. Aurora Burke more than doubled her goal by completing 18 of the activities.

Way to go, readers! Keep up the great work.

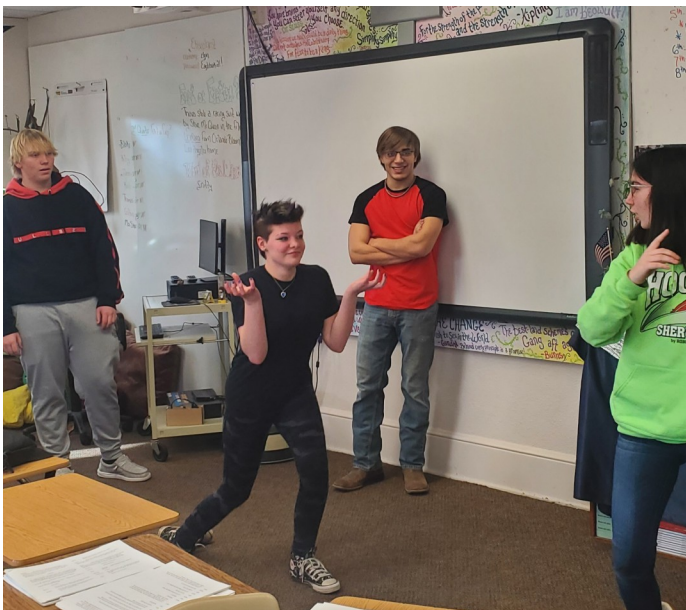


Aurora Burke displays her Reading Challenge goal sheet!

It's Pantomime Time

From Mrs. Shumake-Henn

As a part of their study of the communication process, Mrs. Shoe's speech students have been participating in a variety of activities. One of the most recent is pantomimes, where they are learning the importance of nonverbal communication.



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 2022-2023, 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.

Candygrams

The EHCC members are selling candygrams until Feb. 10th. Order online or pick up a form from the school.



Students Attend AKRS Career Event

From Mrs. Rittscher



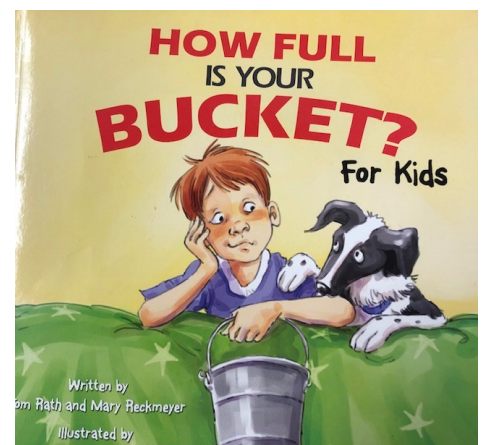
AKRS sponsored a career event on Thursday, January 20, in which local schools could bring up to eight students who have expressed interest in agriculture and mechanics. Eight student and Mrs. Rittscher attended the day: Nick Anderson, Shayd Rokahr, Brian Heithoff, Gage Thiessen, Myles Kittleson, Austin Good, Camrynn Pelster, & David Durre. Several presenters from AKRS are also pictured. These presenters rotated students from Elgin Public, Elkhorn Valley, Summerland, and Neligh-Oakdale through four different sessions: Jump Start Scholarship Program sponsored by AKRS, Precision Ag, Ag Olympics, and Test Your Mechanical IQ. Nick Anderson scored the highest score in the Test Your Mechanical IQ and won an extra prize, but all participants received lots of "AKRS Swag." "I want to thank AKRS for hosting this opportunity for students. I was proud of our students! The students and I learned a lot about the Jump Start Scholarship Program, which is a great opportunity for students interested in becoming a technician (mechanic) by pursuing an associates degree and finishing their program of study debt free," remarked Sonia Rittscher. To learn more, visit <https://www.akrs.com/jumpstart>.

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 3rd 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 3rd graders love reading compliments from their classmates and hope to expand their bucket filling to outside of the classroom soon!



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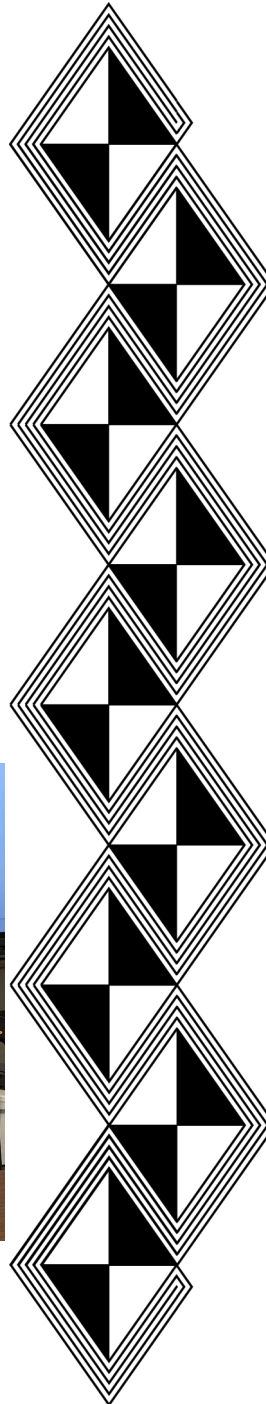
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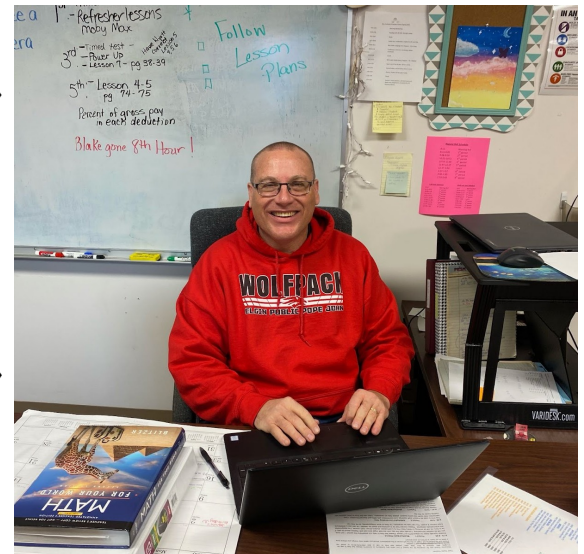
An expert in Special Education, Logan Douglas uses his K-12 SPED Degree to provide students with the tools to become successful both in and out of the classroom.



An expert in Spanish Education, Dylan Kaup uses his education to get students excited about learning a new language and understanding the many cultures involved with the Spanish language.



An expert in Elementary Education, Crystal Borer uses her education and 9 years of experience to educate students through discussion, collaboration and hands-on learning while providing a safe and kind learning atmosphere for all students.



An expert in Education, Mike Brockhaus uses his administrative experiences and 31 years of experience to inspire educational leaders to perform at their highest level for the betterment of all students.

Administratively Speaking . . .




By Mike Brockhaus
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The second semester of the 2021-2022 school year is underway and the students have been very busy taking care of their academics and being involved in our activities including Speech, FFA, Music Clinics and Concerts, CyberPatriots, and their respective sports of Wrestling and Basketball. We once again have many students on our various honor rolls at Elgin Public and that is a testament to the hard work that all our students put into their academics as well as our teachers working with our students so they can be successful. The traits of hard work and perseverance are learned in the very early stages of the elementary grades and the students carry these traits with them into their high school years and beyond.

We sent out two emails with surveys attached to them at the beginning of January. The first survey asked questions on what the community would like to see Elgin Public spend our ESSER III funds on and the second was the survey concerning the Return to School Plan. We are required to conduct these surveys every six months until the ESSER funds programs ends, which is in the fall of 2024. We appreciate the feedback we receive and the information gathered is taken into account when making decisions on the funds and the Return to School Plan. The ultimate goal is to utilize the funds to help the education of the Elgin Public students, is what we have been doing up to this point and will continue to do so and also to keep the students and staff healthy and in school.

Once again, let's continue to work together to keep everyone healthy...eating right, drinking plenty of fluids, and getting plenty of rest. With the many activities coming up, these items will be very important to keep everyone in school and learning.

** 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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