



# EAGLE UPDATE

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## DATES TO REMEMBER



January 3  
School Resumes



January 10  
School Board Meeting

6:30pm  
ITV Room



January 22  
NO SCHOOL  
Teacher In-Service



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



From Mrs. Drucke

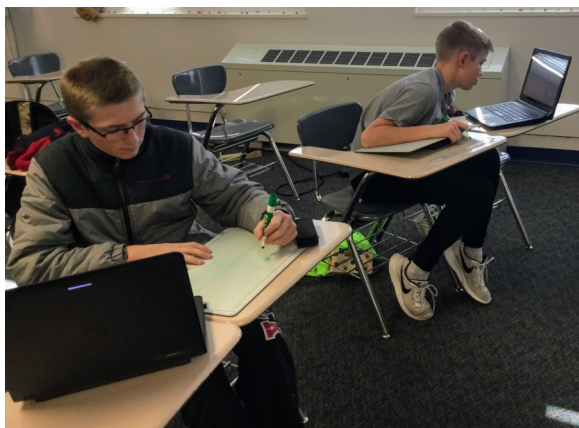


### Choose Kindness

At the beginning of the school year, the junior high students were issued a challenge. They were challenged to read R.J. Palacio's book Wonder by the middle of November. Upon successful completion of this challenge, they would be treated to the movie version of the book upon its release.

Fourteen students met the challenge, and on November 17, the group journeyed to Norfolk to view the movie. This story teaches a valuable lesson about kindness, acceptance, and self confidence, and we hope the book's message remains with our students for years to come.

From Mrs. Lindgren



My math classes have been busy getting work completed before the end of the semester! I got a shot of a couple of students working through an online review quiz in preparation for a chapter test.

I hope that all of you have taken advantage of the holiday break from school to recharge! I will see you in January ready to learn!!!

From Mrs. Schwartz



### Ag Education News

The 2nd hour Welding I boys have been working hard to build a utility trailer. Austin Bauer, Lane Bartak and Blake Hupp have been working on the trailer together since mid October.

From Mrs. Wemhoff



Kindergarten and 1st grade enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast. The feast included popcorn, jello, Oreos, apples, and a juice box. We are thankful for many people and things.

*For the most current news and calendar,  
go to [www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org).*



Did you know that the evergreen tree at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Pine is approximately 60 ft tall? The Math 7 students took advantage of one of the last nice days to venture outside to practice indirect measurement.

The students were asked to estimate the height of objects that are difficult to measure like trees and power poles. The students measured the shadows of their objects and themselves along with the concepts of similar figures and proportions to make their estimations.

**Winter blahs starting to settle in? Improve your MOOD by getting active. Bundle up, go outside, and play a game of freeze tag!**

You don't need to be in sports or go to a gym to benefit from physical activity. Simply get out of your chair and stand or walk around, park farther away from the entrance to the school, or take the stairs instead of an elevator. Why not find a person or dog as a walking buddy and go for a walk? It all adds up to better health!

## FFA News

January 10th marks the date of District X FFA Leadership Development Events. This year the district contest will be held in Atkinson. 20 members will be competing in various speech related events: Sr. Public Speaking, Jr. Public Speaking, Cooperative Speaking, Natural Resource Speaking, Creed Speaking, Jr. Parliamentary Procedure (Now called Chapter Code of Conduct), Job Interviews and Agricultural Demonstrations. District X is made up of 14 schools in the area and only the top two members/teams will advance to the state level. Everyone has one shot in very competitive events to do their very best to move to the next level.

Members will be giving speeches related to agriculture in some way. Marie Meis' speech is on crop commodity boards while Allyson Wemhoff will be talking about GMO's. Meanwhile one of the agricultural demonstration teams will be showing judges how to determine soil texture and use moisture sensing probes to help producers manage their irrigation usage throughout the growing season. The other team will demonstrate how to properly give an adult canine (yes using a real a dog) a vaccine. They will show the judges how to determine the correct dosage, fill a syringe, restrain the animal and give the shot. To follow up they have an App that allows pet owners to keep track of their animals' vaccines. Good luck to all members competing on January 20th!



**Check our website for the most current news and calendar!**



From Mrs. Rittscher

### What to expect after you submit your FAFSA

The FAFSA opened October 1 so many of you have already completed and submitted your form. Here's what happens next: Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR). You'll receive it via an email link if you provided an email address on your FAFSA. The SAR acknowledges that your FAFSA was received, and if you need to take further action to process your FAFSA. Make sure you applied for admission to colleges you listed on your FAFSA. Colleges who receive your FAFSA results typically won't send you a financial aid package until you've applied and have been accepted to the school. Watch for verification requests. The college(s) you listed on your FAFSA might request verification of your FAFSA information. If so, send the required documents to the colleges' financial aid office. Watch for financial aid award notifications. The colleges you applied to – and listed on your FAFSA – will send you a financial aid award notification detailing the types and amounts of aid they're offering based on your financial need.

Haven't completed your FAFSA yet? No problem! You and a parent can complete the form at [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov). Before you start, create an FSA ID for you and one for a parent at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov). You'll need them to access and sign the FAFSA. For free help with the FAFSA, watch this FAFSA Demo, use at [educationquest.org](http://educationquest.org) or call and schedule appointment with Mrs. Rittscher.

Reminder: Application for Susan Buffet Scholarship is due February 1, 2018. Time is running out! If you haven't completed FAFSA, get that taken care ASAP. It can take 7-10 days for FAFSA to be processed.

From Mr. Mlinar



A **BIG** thank you to Invenergy!!! The company donated \$1,500 to Elgin Public Schools. The funds are earmarked for technology needs. In the picture, Luke Hinkle presents a check to the tech coordinator, Eric Mlinar.

**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 2017-2018, 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.

**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.



From Mrs. Beckman



These students made their November Pizza Hut Book It goals! Congratulations to Max, Evin, Riker, Zaiden, Kaidynce, Vivienne, and Cyrus! Keep reading in December.

From Mrs. Eisenhauer

### 3rd Grade New Years Resolutions

The third graders came up with New Year's resolutions for 2018! Here is what each student is going to improve or work on for 2018:

Justice- I am going to write neater on all assignments.

Ruby- I will try to do better on my Math assignments.

Kierstyn- I am going to work on less talking during class and more listening.

Libby- I am going to use my homework time more wisely.

Gavin- I am going to work on less talking during class and more listening.

Lillie- I am going to read more at home to meet my A.R. goal.

Braelyn- I am going to read my A.R. books more carefully so I do better on quizzes.

Elizabeth- I will work on less talking during class.

Gemma- I will work harder to get good grades on my Math homework.

Tristen- I am going to work on less talking during class when the teacher is talking.

Wyatt- I will try harder on my Reading assignments.

Rylen- I will take my time on my Math assignments.

Anna- I am going to try harder on my Math tests.

Megan- I am going to try to do better on my A.R. quizzes.

Antonio- I am going to work on less talking/ interrupting and listen better in class.

We wish everyone a great and prosperous new year in 2018!

From Mrs. Wemhoff



Mrs. Shoe's students took a well-deserved study break in order to help Deck the Halls of EPS. Happy Holidays from 8th period study hall!



### 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.

From Mrs. Klein



The Spanish 3 class learned a little more about typical Mexican lunches this week. They prepared 'molletes,' which are open-faced bean and cheese sandwiches. At first skeptical, they learned that they were quite tasty! Next week they will be learning how to make more Mexican cuisine, as well as some Spanish dishes.

From Mr. Becker



Just a reminder as the winter season has started that there is additional parking and an entrance to the gym on the east side of the gym building that is available for all concerts, games, and assemblies.

From Mr. Ostransky

### Post Season Volleyball Awards

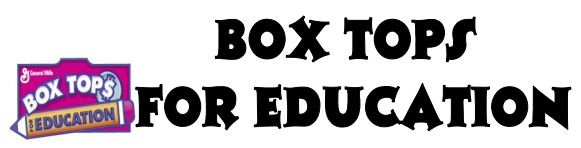
**NSAA Academic All State Team:** Calli Krebs and Lydia Behnk  
**NVC: All Conference Honorable Mention:** Lydia Behnk  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Conference:** Allyson Wemhoff, Grace Henn, & Nichol Payne  
**1<sup>st</sup> Team All Conference:** Paige Meis and Calli Krebs

**Norfolk Daily News All Area;**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> team:** Paige Meis  
**3<sup>rd</sup> team:** Calli Kres  
**Honorable Mention:** Ally Wemhoff, Grace Henn, Lydia Behnk, Nickol Payne, Kaylee Martinsen

**Lincoln Journal Star:**  
**Honorable Mention:** Paige Meis, Grace Henn, Nickol Payne, Calli Krebs

**Nebraska Prep Volleyball:**  
**Honorable Mention:** Paige Meis, Grace Henn, Nickol Payne, Calli Krebs

**Omaha World Herald:**  
**2nd Team:** Calli Krebs  
**Honorable Mention:** Paige Meis, Grace Henn, Nickol Payne, Ally Wemhoff



From Mr. Coakes



The 8th grade Earth Science class experimented making dough in order to demonstrate strain on tectonic plates. The three types of strain (compression, tension, and sheer) cause crust to deform in specific patterns. By using the dough as a surrogate tectonic plate, students were able to manipulate and demonstrate what results when Earth's plates experience each type of strain.

From Mrs. Vanis



Preschoolers entertaining all during their Christmas Concert.



Below are pictures of all students K-12 that had Perfect Attendance for the 1st semester of school. Great Job!



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rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Greg Wemhoff  
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Amazing, one semester is in the books, half the 2017-18 school year is in the books. I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season and that you enjoyed your time with family and friends.

The first semester was great. Of course, we had a few bumps in the road here and there, but for the most part things went very well. We have a very good school system here at EPS. It takes a lot of work from everyone involved to have a successful school system. During my time in education, I have discovered three components that are necessary in having a successful school. Good teachers, good students and involved parents equal success.

I truly believe that we have teachers at Elgin Public who sincerely care about the students they teach. Teachers are willing to go the extra mile to help students reach academic success. I also believe that the teachers care for the students beyond the classroom and want them to be successful in the game of life. The teachers have high expectations of each and every student and will do what it takes to help students reach their full potential.

I believe that we have great kids here at Elgin Public. This is my fifth year here at EPS and each and every day I am impressed with the behavior of the student body. I get the opportunity to see all the students at lunch each day and I am always impressed with their manners and respect. I have also received several complements from other administrators on the behavior of our students at the many different activities. That makes me proud! Good work parents!

Parents play a very important role in the success of any school. Parent involvement in the student's academic life is an essential ingredient to the success of the student. I would encourage parents to continue to be involved in your children's academic lives. Please take advantage of our information system (JMC) to monitor your children's academic progress. If teachers, parents and students are all on the same page, achieving academic success is a very attainable goal. Parents please continue to encourage your children to maintain good attendance and be involved at school. I have always been impressed with parent attendance at parent teachers' conferences and was thrilled with the elementary parents' attendance at "Donuts with Dads" and "Muffins with Moms", it was great to see all the parents there. It was a blast for us to put on.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Picture at right:

EPS 5th and 6th grade D.A.R.E. graduates.





# Administratively Speaking . . .



By Dan Polk  
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Congratulations to all our activity groups here at the Elgin Schools! While athletics get a lot of the attention, we have many activities that do not involve athletics. Activities that work on building leaders, helping each other out, working on certain areas of education, talents, personalities and goal setting. Groups that spend time trying to help curb bullying, spreading messages of acceptance, belonging, teamwork and perseverance. There is so much more to a good well-rounded education in this day and age and so many more things that our children are involved in to help them become better people.

I am very proud of our students and how they put value in who a person is and how they treat each other and work together. That is not an easy attitude to have and perpetuate in our materialistic “be my friend ---for a reason---” world. Just being friends and being there for each other should be enough. Hopefully our patrons and parents feel the same way and stay involved with our young people as they find their way in life. We need to remember how difficult it was for us to go through school, subject wise AND socially and realize that today’s students face even more of a challenge. With constant contact, technology, social media and today’s lifestyles it’s tough to escape conflicts, problems and struggles. In “my day” time away was some of the most productive, beneficial and insightful times to make decisions about relationships, goals and life directions. Now you almost have to force “time away”; and I think sometimes we should more. Thankfully we still have traditional school calendar breaks that give you the opportunity to have some time away. Enjoy your time together during the holidays and leave school and life to fend for itself for a little while.

As always any concerns or questions regarding the operation of the school please be sure to give us a call!



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website:

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## ***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.

From Mr. Heithoff

Here are some pictures from our recent Elementary Christmas Concert!



*Happy Holidays!*  
*School resumes January 3rd*



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