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DATES TO REMEMBER

Football Awards Night

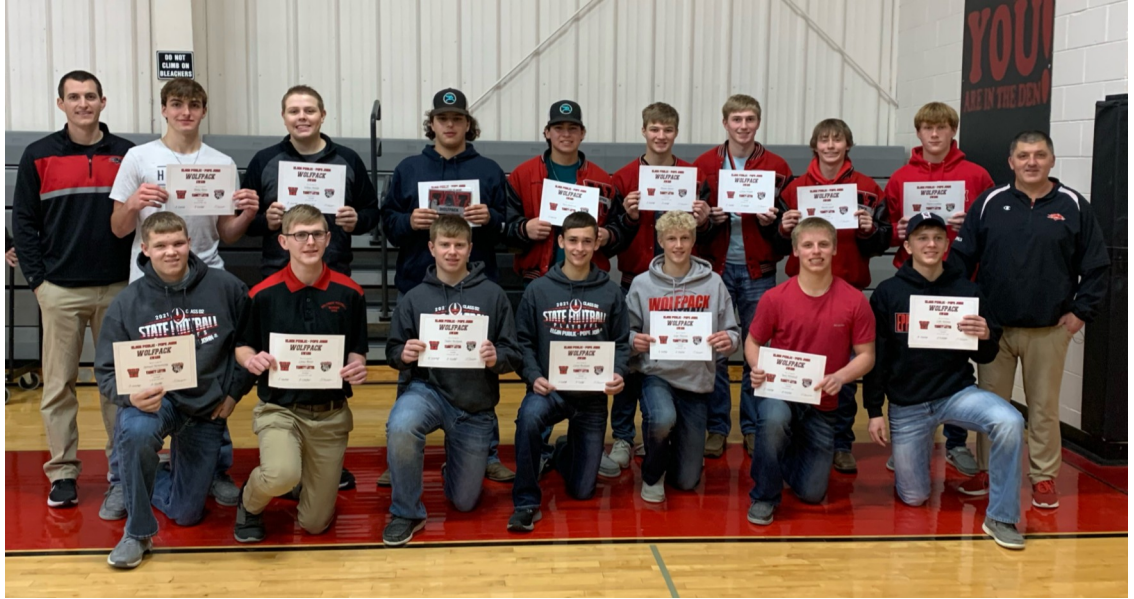
From Mr. Wemhoff

January 4
School Resumes

January 12
School Board
Mtg.
6:30 p.m. in
EPS ITV Room

January 17
NO SCHOOL

January 18
All School
Concert
6:30 p.m.
EPS GYM



Wolfpack Football honored its members at an Award Night held on Sunday, December 19th. Pictured above are the letterwinners of the EPPJ Wolfpack Football team that finished their season in the semifinalist game of the football playoffs. Congratulations!



Go Team!



Congrats to the Team Award Winners
Taylor Beckman - Practice Player of the Year
Colton Wright - Special Teams Player of the Year
Dylon Lueking - Defensive Player of the Year
Jack Wemhoff - Offensive Player of the Year

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Mock Career Fair

From Mrs. Rittscher

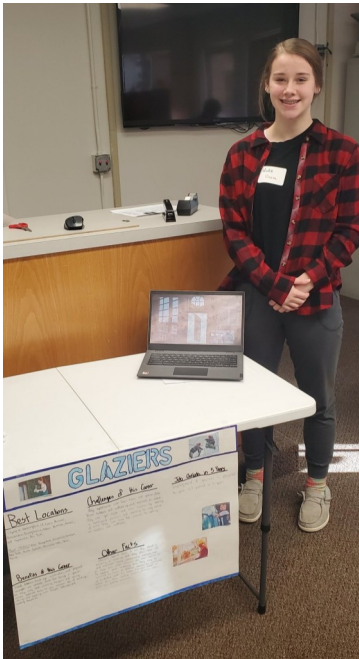
The junior high students in Mrs. Rittscher's Careers class hosted a Mock Career Fair, inviting 4th-6th graders and any other interested students.

Several careers were represented at the mock career fair, including careers from most of the career clusters: audiologist, logistician, paralegal, reservation and travel clerk, financial manager in agriculture industry, bomb technician, federal marshall, and many more.

The mock career fair was a culminating project for a semester spent figuring out which career clusters students were most likely to find interesting, most likely to be like minded in regard to values, and most likely to have strengths in. Then, they had to pick careers that they didn't know anything about! After all, how do you know what you want to be if you don't know what a career even is?

After spending time researching and becoming very familiar with that career, students created display materials and prepared scripts to get ready for the mock career fair. On the day of the career fair, students then dressed up like someone from that career and answered questions posed by career fair attendees.

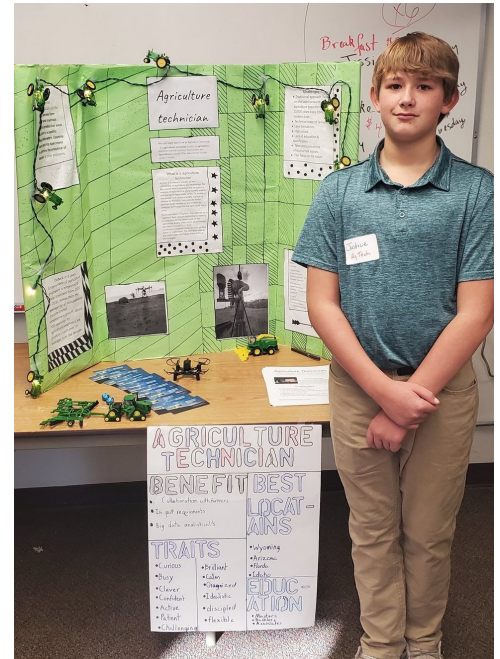
"I was very pleased with how the mock career fair went. The kids really attacked the assignment and did a great job while the attendees got to learn about all sorts of careers," commented Mrs. Rittscher. "I heard from several of the elementary students at the time that they just loved it! And the presenters? They were really surprised how they were nervous at first, but that it got easier and more fun as it went!"



Halle Lueking prepared for Mock Career Fair as Glazier.



Kyndal Busteed shared her knowledge about a career in Speech & Language Pathology.



Justice Blecher explored all there is to know about being an Agricultural Technician.

Music Reminders

The Christmas concerts that were postponed in December have been rescheduled into one evening of music on January 18, 2022. This concert will involve all students in grades PreK thru Gr. 12 and include choir and band. Mark your calendar now!



Jan 18 - Winter Concert
(preK thru 12th grade)
6:30 p.m.
EPS GYM

Art News

From Mrs. R. Heithoff

The elementary Art students will begin the second semester with radial designs better known as snowflakes. We discuss that a radial design radiates out from a center point and has one design that repeats itself. Examples besides snowflakes would be hubcaps and rose windows in churches. Another example of a radial design most people are familiar with are kaleidoscopes. The students will have the experience this year to look through our new kaleidoscopes to see how a radial design works. The K-2 students will create 8" snowflakes. The 3rd and 4th grade students will make 18" ones while the 5th and 6th grades get to create the 36" snowflakes. Be checking out the windows around Elgin to see their work in January.

Toy Story Christmas Tree

From Mrs. Borer



The fifth graders decorated their tree with a *Toy Story* theme for the decorating contest. They ended the semester watching *Holes* after finishing the novel by Louis Sachar.

Pictured (standing): Jael, Trey, John, Jayvin, Macy, Braedon, Ethan (kneeling): Anna, Gentry, Kinley, Xander (sitting): Kynlee and Sophia

Marshmallow "STEM" Challenge

From Ms. Selting



Hannah



Synclare



Paislee

The second graders had a lot of fun competing in the "Marshmallow STEM Challenge". They had a certain amount of time and supplies to construct the tallest snowman with marshmallows and toothpicks. Hannah Hemenway was the winner of our first challenge, stacking her snowman $5\frac{3}{4}$ ".

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Kids experience a lot of different emotions when it comes to going back to school after a break, ranging from feeling really excited and eager to worried, anxious and even fearful. Below are some suggestions for parents and teachers on helping kids transition back to school:

• **Prepare kids for their return to school:**

Don't let the end of the holidays and winter break creep up on you or your kids! Remind kids that school will be starting back soon. Mention the positive things about school they like and miss such as their friends or classes/subjects they like/love. Helping them get excited about getting back to school will certainly make the transition easier for all involved.


Parents/Caregivers:

• **Get Back into a Normal Routine:**

Ideally, it is best to maintain your normal daily routine, even during the break. Unfortunately, for many of us, this isn't often practical as we do have to adjust our routines to accommodate the holidays and the festivities surrounding them.

- Kids often look to us as an example, whether they admit it or not. So as hard as it may be, getting back into a regular routine where you get up at your normal time and get everyone up, dressed and ready for the day a few days before the break is over will make it much easier to get kids on board and back into their normal school week routine. Having breakfast and lunch at the same time during the day as they would at school or as close to it as possible is also very helpful, especially for younger school aged kids.
- Enough rest and sleep. It's easy and quite common to change and break the bedtime routine and overall sleep schedule during this time of year. Get back to your kid's normal school day sleep and wake time schedules a few days before they actually return to school.

 ** 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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 www.elgineagles.org.

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'Tis The Season

From Mrs. Shumake-Henn

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the halls of EPS. In addition to the normal classroom routine, Mrs. Shoe's students have been busy making ornaments, decorating doors, adorning the campus trees, and taking the Journalism camera out in search of holiday spirit. Sophomore Stevie Nelson has been celebrating the reason for the season through the festive attire he dons each day of December. Merry Christmas from the English room, everyone!



Arrowhead Collection

From Mr. Ostransky



The fourth graders had a special guest on Friday. Bob Palik, Mr. Ostransky's grandpa, came from Lincoln to show them his arrowhead collection. They have been learning about Native American history and were able to see some artifacts up close!



The 5 Main Internet Safety Rules:

- * Don't give out personal information
- * Never agree to get together with someone you meet online.
- * Don't believe everything you read online.
- * Only use your first name.
- * Don't give out your account password

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.

Parking Reminder:

When you attend events at the EPS gym, please keep in mind that there is a parking lot east of the gym and an entrance to the gym hallway is on the northeast corner of the building. We always have a ticket taker at that door so you are welcome to use that entrance during ballgames or other events.

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.

Soil Testing in Science 7

From Mrs. Schwartz



Lilly Kinney tests her soil sample for Nitrogen levels.



Ruby Durre and Gemma Miller show their differences between high Nitrogen (Gemma's) and low Nitrogen (Ruby's) in their soil samples. Student's discussed reasons why some soil may be low in Nitrogen while other soils may be high.



Baylee Chessmore and Dannyka Smidt test soil for Nitrogen in Science 7 class.

Thankful Kids

From Mrs. Wemhoff



The Kindergarten and First Grade classes had a Thanksgiving feast before we let out for Thanksgiving break. We all shared what we were thankful for and then ate some delicious snacks. We enjoyed popcorn, meat, cheese, crackers, muffins, donut holes, and marshmallows.

From Mrs. Eisenhauer



The third graders came up with New Year's resolutions for 2022! Here is what each student is going to improve or work on for 2022:

Jenna- I will try to read higher level A.R. books and work on raising my hand.

Shania- I will practice my subtraction facts and read more books.

Ava- I will try to improve my handwriting and read higher level A.R. books.

Ryker- I will try to read orange or green dot level A.R. books and be a bucket filler.

Charles- I will try to read higher level A.R. books.

Mollie- I will try to read white dot level A.R. books and do better on my handwriting.

McKenna- I will try to be a bucket filler and show kindness all the time.

Allie- I will try to do better at raising my hand during class and be a bucket filler.

Sofia- I will try to do better on my math facts.

Axel- I will try to do better push-ups in P.E. class.

We wish everyone a great and prosperous new year in 2022!
Mrs. Eisenhauer and the third graders

Festive Doors!

From Mrs. D. Heithoff



Happy Holidays from the 7th graders!

Earthworm Dissection

From Mrs. Schwartz



Tristen makes sure his hand is steady

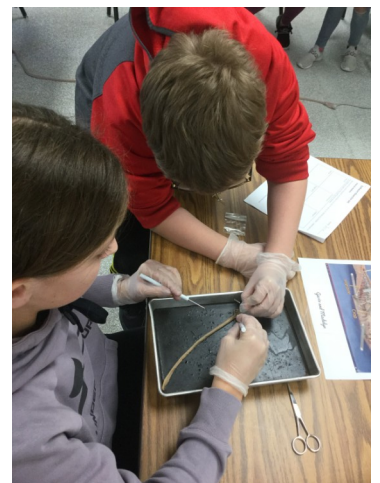
All I want for Christmas is to dissect earthworms before Christmas break! The 7th graders did just that!

After practicing on gummy worms the day before, they got to dissect real earthworms on Tuesday before break!

A steady hand and a healthy stomach were needed for this task!



Justice & Baylee need more hands.



Patience is needed by Madelyn & Gavin.

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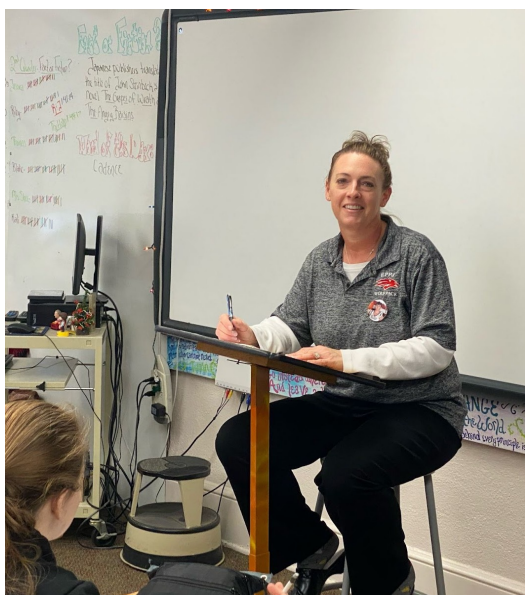
by Greg Wemhoff
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An expert in Art Education, Rita Heithoff uses her Master Degree and 41 years of experience to instill a love and appreciation of Art in their school and professional careers and to enhance their personal life.



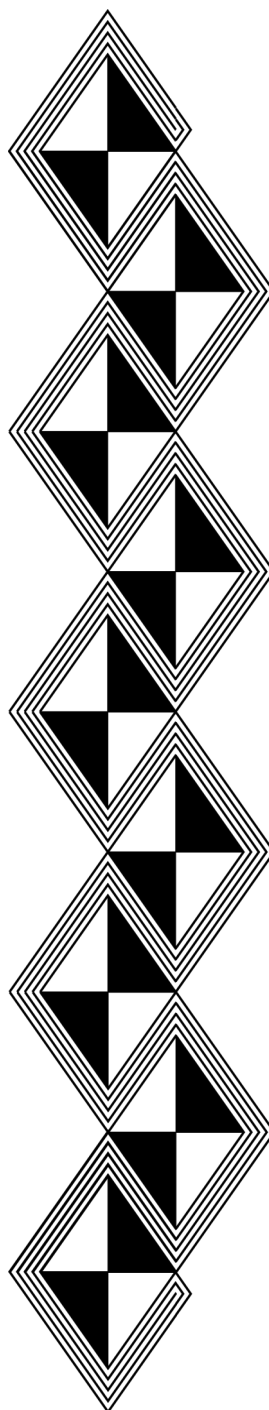
An expert in Elementary Education, Randy Eisenhauer uses his education and 19 years of experience to make school and learning a fun and enjoyable experience.



An expert in Secondary Education, Mrs. Schumake-Henn uses her knowledge and 25 years of experience to entertain and engage students, providing them with a safe and comfortable place to learn.



An expert in English, Hayley Kaup uses her education to create an open, challenging and fun learning environment for all students to learn and grow as individuals.



Administratively Speaking . . .



By Mike Brockhaus
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The first semester of the 2021-2022 school year is in the books and we are looking forward to the second semester. School will resume on Tuesday, January 4 with a full day of school and we look forward to seeing all the students back in the classrooms. Elgin Public Schools hope that everyone had a great Christmas Break and had time to spend with their families and friends. We also hope everyone had time to relax and recharge for the beginning of the second semester.

We will be sending out a survey once again in January, which is a requirements that we need to follow in order to continue to utilize the ESSER III funds we were allocated. This survey will ask questions about the Return To School Plan and will be very similar to the survey that was sent out in July. We will send the survey out via a JMC announcement and email again for your convenience to fill out. We appreciate our patrons taking the time to fill out this survey so we can gather feedback on this plan. Up to this point, we have had very little disruptions due to the Covid-19 pandemic this school year and greatly appreciate all our parents for communicating with the school when there is a family health concern.

Along those same lines, let's continue to make sure our students get the right amount of rest, the right foods to eat, and plenty of fluids to drink. We are in the middle of the cold and flu season and doing these prior things can help keep our students healthy and in school. These simple items can also help them concentrate in the classroom and help them be successful.

TeamMates is in need of more adults in the program to be partnered up with some of our students. If you have one hour a week to spend with a young person, this is one way to give back to our students and youth. TeamMates is a tremendous program that benefits the student as well as the adult. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Rittscher or Mrs. Eisenhauer at the school.

Thank you for your continued support of Elgin Public Schools!!



Happy Holidays!
School resumes January 4th



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