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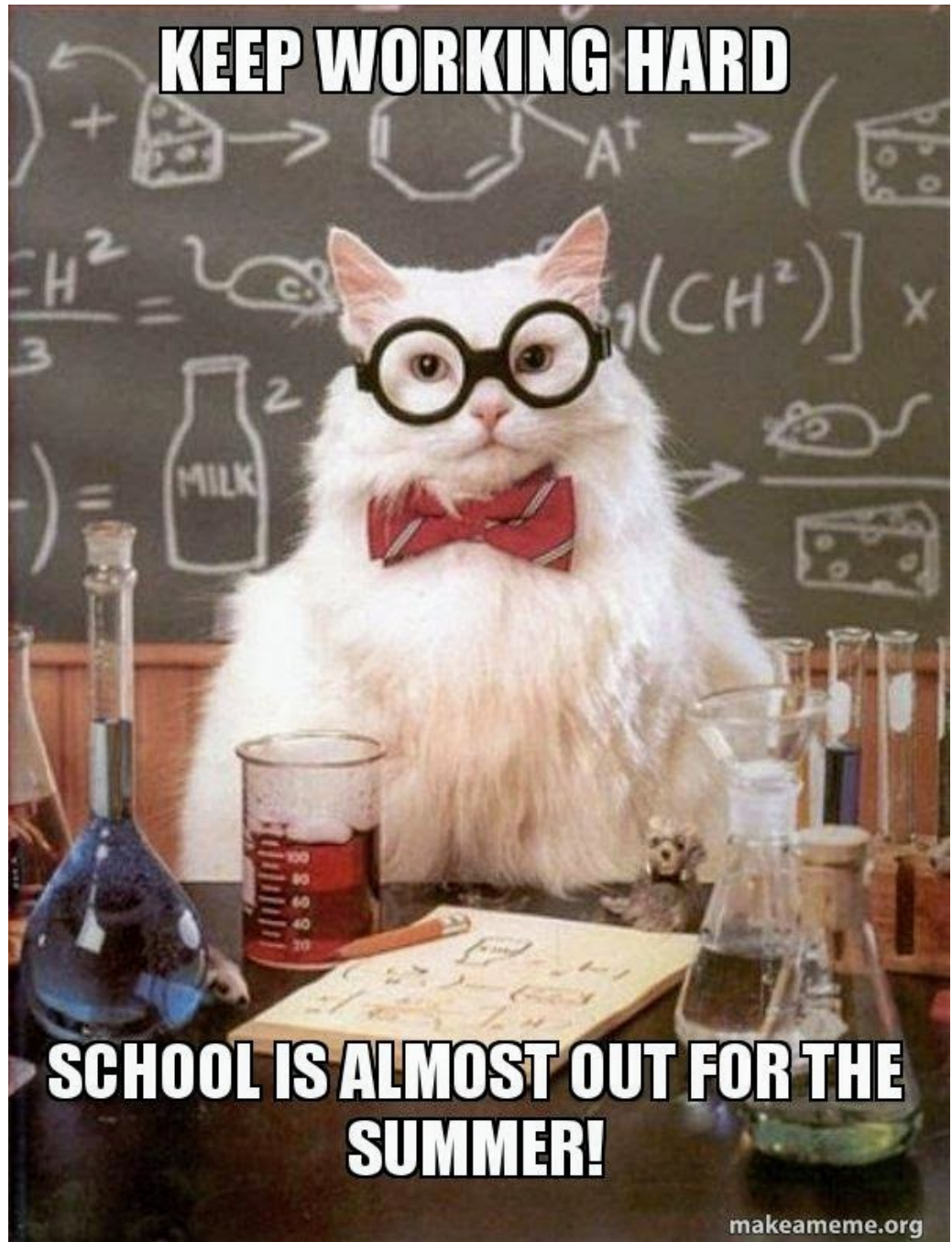
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

-  **May 4th**  
Modern Woodman  
Speeches 7:00 pm  
Lunchroom
-  **May 5th**  
Elementary  
Grandparents Day
-  **May 9th**  
Academic Awards  
Night 7:00 pm  
EPS Gym
-  **May 11th**  
School Board  
Meeting 7:30pm  
ITV Room
-  **May 13th**  
Graduation  
5:00 pm EPS Gym
-  **May 15th**  
Elementary Spring  
Concert 7:00 pm  
EPS Gym
-  **May 17th**  
Preschool and  
Kindergarten  
Graduation  
Pre 6:30– K 7:30  
EPS Gym
-  **May 18th**  
**EARLY OUT**  
11:00 am  
Last Day of School



*ALUMNI BANQUET -  
June 24, 2017*

## Behnk Crowned State Champion, All Five EPS Speechsters Medal at State

In March, five EPS Speech Team members competed in the State Speech Championships at UNK. All five members were double entered, and three of the four events broke finals.

Lydia Behnk earned the D2 gold medal in Entertainment Speaking.

The OID of Kenny Bush, Taya Voborny, Zoey Bergman, Lydia Behnk and Hunter Reestman placed third in the state in D2.

The Duet of Kenny Bush and Hunter Reestman also brought home medals, placing 7<sup>th</sup> overall.

The Duet of Zoey Bergman and Taya Voborny narrowly missed finals and earned a Superior Rating on the day.

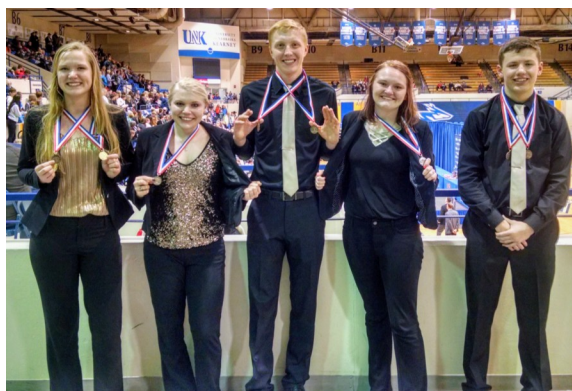
As a team, the group placed 8<sup>th</sup> out of 41 teams. Behnk completed what the EPS coaches Jessie Reestman and Stacy Shumake-Henn are calling an undefeated season.

“Lydia ranked first in every round she competed in this season, including finals rounds. She won every meet. That’s quite an accomplishment and a bit of a rarity in speech.” The coaches were ecstatic about the team’s performance at the state meet. “These kids have worked so hard this season, and they really shined down at state. They put in some of the best performances they have had all season.”

They also had kind words for their departing seniors: Bush, Bergman, Voborny, and Jaime Hofer. “Kenny, Taya, Zoey and Jaime have had a tremendous impact on our speech program. Their talent, commitment, desire, and work ethic have helped to build our program. They have been such strong team leaders this season, and they have helped many of our younger members be successful.”

The team will lose some seasoned veterans to graduation. “Kenny and Zoey are four-time state qualifiers, and Taya and Jaime are three-time state qualifiers. That’s a pretty big accomplishment. We will miss their experience and the fun they were always able to provide.”

The coaches are also hopeful for the future. “We’ve got a lot of talent returning, including some newcomers who played tremendous roles this season.” State Champion Behnk will return next season, as well as Reestman who earned two state medals in his season debut. “In addition, we have Kira Widger, who qualified for state last year as a freshman and had a close call in districts this year.” Other team members who gained valuable experience this year include juniors Ashton Evans and Carter Schindler, sophomores Brea Carr, Mateo Kirstine and Lexi Swanson, and freshman Adam Dreger. “It takes a team, and we are proud of them all!”

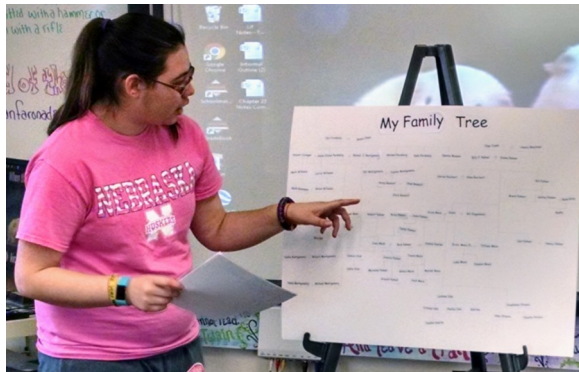


From Mrs. Shumake-Henn

## Juniors Trace Roots Through Ancestry Project

After a reading of Crèvecoeur's essay "What Is an American?" the juniors went to work finding out just exactly who they are. Using family interviews, ancestry websites, and any sources made available to them, the students put together their information in either poster or digital format. As they traced their lineage for the class, they also showcased pictures and shared stories of their family's adventures.

Throughout the project, they all found out some interesting information and gained an understanding of just how difficult it can be to define the term *American*.



From Mrs. Klein

## Cultural Explorations with Spanish 3!

Spanish 3 kids went with Sra. Klein to Omaha for some culture! First we visited the Jocelyn Art Museum. Next we visited the south Omaha area, where we ate at El Alamo restaurant, toured El Museo Latino, and stopped by Jacobo's Grocery. It was a great day.



From Mr. Becker

### Top Earners for Jump Rope for Heart

From left to right– Kristopher Moreno, Keyera Eisenhauer, Kate Furstenuau, Tristen Mortensen, Evin Pelster



### 5th Grade Takes Trip to Play at Johnny Carson Theater

John Steptoe's book, *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* is an African Cinderella tale that the fifth graders read last year when learning about genres. The Dallas Children's Theatre put on a performance of the book at Johnny Carson Theatre. The play combines authentic African drumming, choreography to original music and energy of the African land. The class had a great experience watching the performers bring the book to life! Pictured (l to r): Blake Henn, Baylee Busteded, Abriel VonBonn, Nick Anderson, Keyera Eisenhauer, Brian Heithoff, and Brenna Martinsen



From Mrs. Eisenhauer

### Life on the Farm

The 3rd and 4th graders attended the first annual "Life on the Farm" agricultural festival in Bloomfield put on the by the UNL Extension. Students rotated through different sessions while learning about the importance of agriculture. Some sessions that were students' favorites were poultry, sheep and dairy as students were able to get up close to the animals. Students learned lots of information about agriculture and how important it is to take care of our land for future generations.



From Mrs. Beckman and Mrs. Wemhoff

### Kindergarten and Second Grade Have Easter Egg Hunt

The second graders hid an Easter Egg for the kindergarteners to find. They gave them clues of hot and cold to help them find their egg. After their egg hunt they worked on activity sheets with their buddy.



### Junior High Events

The seventh graders presented at their first science fair on Monday, April 10. While their projects were more research based than on scientific inquiry, they still learned much. Each student was assigned a body system, researched it, wrote a research paper, and completed a technology based project. Mr. Coakes planned a great educational opportunity for our students, and we look forward to hearing who won on Honors Night.

The eighth graders are busy preparing their Modern Woodmen speeches for our speech night on Thursday, May 4 at 7:00. This year's topic is, "What does it mean to be a hero? In popular culture, heroes are depicted as superhumans who fly through the air to rescue a damsel in distress or save the world from a villain's evil plan. Christopher Reeve, who starred as one of the most famous superheroes in American film, once said, "A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles." This year's School Speech Contest asks contestants to speak about what it means to be a hero." We look forward to hearing what our students have to say.



### Field Trip!

The 4th-5th graders took a field trip to Lincoln, NE on April 13th. They got a tour of Memorial Stadium and of the Capitol Building. The students also got to meet our state senator, Tom Brieser!

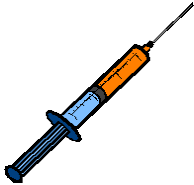


### Need your immunizations record?

The Nebraska State Immunization Information System (NESIIS) is a secure, statewide, web-based system that's been developed to connect and share immunization information among public clinics, private provider offices, local health departments, schools, hospitals, and other health care facilities that administer immunizations and provide medical care to Nebraska Residents.

NESIIS maintains computerized immunization data for individuals of all ages in a confidential and secure manner.

To view your child's immunizations, visit the website [www.dhhs.ne.gov/nesiis](http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/nesiis) Enter your child's information to view their immunization record. If you have further questions, call the NESIIS Help Line at 1-888-433-2510 or 402-471-0133 or email them at [dhhs.nesiis@nebraska.gov](mailto:dhhs.nesiis@nebraska.gov).



From Mrs. Spiegel

From Mrs. Heithoff

## 1st Grade Learning About the Planet



First graders are busy learning about how to keep our Earth clean. We are writing promises to our earth, some of our favorites are recycling, planting new flowers, picking up trash and saving bees.

## EPS Students Excel at Art Show

The K-8 students earned nine Superior ribbons and four Excellents at the annual ESU #8 Spring Art show. The 7-12 competed at the NVC Art Show hosted by West Boyd at Spencer. Check out the school webpage to view the art show results and the students' work.



From Mrs. Thiele-Blecher

## Keep Kids Motivated at the End of the Year!

1. Let them get out in the sun after school work is done; but try to keep a regular bed time!
2. Find Excitement in each day; don't just worry about counting down the days!
3. Keep up the good eats; eating enough veggies and fruits with protein for energy during the school day!
4. Continue to Praise Good work; celebrate the good things happening at school!
5. Acknowledge the difficulty to focus when summer vacation is around the corner; but encourage him/her to keep doing their best!



From Mrs. Lindgren

## Finish Strong!

Although there has been a lot of emphasis on NeSA testing in the elementary and junior high classes, most of the math students have been making progress through the curriculum. The juniors have not been so lucky. I have re-arranged the curriculum to try to cover as much content as possible so they were prepared for the ACT test (their state assessment on April 19th). As part of their preparation, they were asked to give up study halls to participate in several ACT review sessions covering math, science, reading and English (writing). They then took timed practice ACT tests to get an idea about what they should be able to accomplish during the actual ACT test.

As always is the case come spring time, I am missing students almost every day. Between sports, activities, illness, and other absences, I have had very few days with all of my students in the past month. Students that choose to be a part of extra-curricular activities have to find a balance between school work and those activities. They may be looking for a few extra hours in the day! As a teacher and a parent, I am noticing lots of signs of spring fever - especially when we get to enjoy such beautiful weather. When you see students (or teachers) out and about, please take a minute to thank them for their hard work and encourage them to finish the year strong!



From Mrs. R. Heithoff

## 2017 Yearbooks On Sale Now!

2017 Yearbooks are now on sale. Log onto [www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org), click on Academics-Yearbook, to download a yearbook form. Return the form to the school with payment to order yours. You may also follow the link to [www.entourageyearbooks.com](http://www.entourageyearbooks.com) to order your yearbook online. Either way you will have a lifetime of memories to enjoy.

From Mr. Prater

## Cup Stacking Study in PE

Elementary grades have been practicing their cup stacking skills in PE.



## History Happenings

Lately in the social studies classroom there has been a lot going on. American History and Government students have recently studied the Civil Rights Movement and the legislation that protects our individual rights as citizens. The Civics and Economics class has been looking into career markets and our nation's economic system. Great Plains History just finished up History of Native American Reservations and History of Native American Boarding Schools. Students found it interesting that there was a National Historic site at Genoa Nebraska's old boarding school. Both the World History and Geography students are busy working on their multi-media presentations to teach the class of a specific historic event or geographical area.



From Mrs. Heithoff

## Art Supplies Wanted

The Art classes would appreciate some Pringle can lids, 6oz yogurt containers with lids and ice cream buckets. Please be saving these for us over the summer. You can drop these off at school anytime. Thank you!



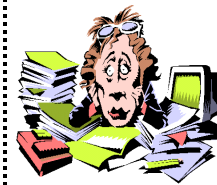
## Thank you!

A big thank you to Eric Heithoff for producing the monthly newsletter this year.

Also thank you to everyone who contributes news items for the newsletter.

This monthly newsletter would not be possible without all of your help!

Paula Jensen  
Secretary



## Seniors ... borrow wisely for college!

Review these tips before you decide how much to borrow in student loans:

- Borrow only what you need, even if it's less than the amount offered in your award letter.
- Try to use your student loan money *only* for tuition, room and board, books and fees. Get a part-time job during college to pay other expenses.
- Apply for financial aid each year you attend college by completing the [FAFSA](#).
- Continue to look for scholarships while you're in college.
- Keep track of your student loan debt throughout college at [nslds.ed.gov](http://nslds.ed.gov).

To learn more, read the EducationQuest Blog article: "[5 Popular Questions about Student Loans](#)" and see the "[Paying for College](#)" section at [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org).

## How to prepare for your freshman year of college

Visit the [College Students](#) section at [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org) for tips to help you prepare for your freshman year of college. You'll find information on these topics:

- Achieving academic success
- How to manage your money
- How to select a major
- What to expect your freshman year of college

Check out the [EducationQuest Blog](#) for additional articles about college life.

## Juniors... here's your summer to-do list

- **Narrow your college choices** to three or four by the time school starts. If you haven't already, [schedule campus visits](#) to your top contenders.
- **Become familiar with the [FAFSA](#)** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Beginning **October 1, 2017**, you and your parents can complete this form to apply for college financial aid.
- **Update your [Activities Resume](#)** at [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org). Include extracurricular activities, honors, awards, and part-time jobs.
- **Look for scholarships**. Check out [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org) for Nebraska-based scholarships, and pay attention to scholarships current seniors have received.

**Find a summer job to help pay for college expenses.** Ask prospective employers if they offer education assistance programs.

## May "To Do" List

### Seniors

- \_\_\_ Apply for student loans, if necessary.
- \_\_\_ Register for new student orientation at your college.
- \_\_\_ Start a list of dorm room essentials.
- \_\_\_ Get a summer job to help pay college expenses.

### Juniors

- \_\_\_ [Register](#) by May 5 for June 10 ACT.
- \_\_\_ [Register](#) by May 9 for June 3 SAT.
- \_\_\_ Continue campus visits.
- \_\_\_ Get a summer job and save for college.





# Music To My Ears

## Success at District Music Contest!

On Friday, April 21st, the band and choir, as well as soloists and duets, competed at District Music Contest in Norfolk. Everyone did a fantastic job! Everyone earned either an Excellent or Superior! Here are the ratings:

7-12 Band– Excellent  
7-12 Choir– Excellent

Breanna Carr– Excellent  
Olivia Lindgren– Excellent  
Kaylee Martinsen and Araceli Palmer– Excellent  
Bayle and Allyson Wemhoff– Superior  
Breanna Carr and Olivia Lindgren– Excellent



## Wonderful Sounds at 7-12 Spring Concert

EPS held the 7-12 Spring Concert on April 24th, after a successful District competition. Groups performed songs from District Music, as well as other music learned throughout the semester. Groups and soloists performed the following pieces:

### Band

Korean Folk Rhapsody  
Harbinger

### Choir

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Deep River  
Give Us Hope

**Breanna Carr**– Where the Sea Meets the Sky  
**Olivia Lindgren**– Danny Boy  
**Leslie Nichols**– To the Sky  
**Kaylee Martinsen and Araceli Palmer**–  
Homeward Bound  
**Baylee and Allyson Wemhoff**– Remember Me  
**Breanna Carr and Olivia Lindgren**– For the  
Beauty of the Earth

The band's next performance will be at Memorial Day on May 29th and the choir's next performance will be at Graduation on May 13th.



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rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Greg Wemhoff  
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With the year quickly winding down and the weather warming it is easy to catch spring fever! We are all anxiously awaiting summer and all the wonderful plans that are awaiting us. I ask that students and parents stay vigilant at the task of learning. Two of the most important things that I am requesting your assistance on are attendance and homework. I know that it is very tempting to stay at home and enjoy a beautiful spring day. It is equally tempting to enjoy the extra daylight we now have in the evening to spend time doing recreational activities and staying outside just a little bit longer. Please help make sure your children are also keeping up with their schoolwork and getting plenty rest.

**FINISH STRONG!!!**

***Last day for students --- May 18 (Early dismissal 11:00 a.m.)***

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