






DATES TO REMEMBER


 Nov. 11
 Veteran's Day
 Program 9:00 a.m.
 (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

NVC Vocal Clinic
 at Ewing

 Nov. 13
 School Board Mtg.
 7:30 p.m. in ITV
 Room

 Nov. 19
 NVC One-Act

 Nov. 27
 Early Dismissal
 1:00 p.m.

 Nov. 28 & 29
NO SCHOOL
HAPPY
THANKSGIVING



Third & Fourth Grade Visit SASM



Students view aircraft at the Strategic Air and Space Museum in Ashland, NE

The third and fourth grade classes recently visited the Strategic Air and Space Museum in Ashland with Mrs. Borer and Mrs. Eisenhauer. The students and teachers were greeted by a huge Air Force jet as they entered the museum. The students later found out that the museum was built around the jet. The students participated in a Math Alive! workshop where they learned about probability. Students were able to make their own spinner and test the probability of it landing on different colors. After the workshop, the students were allowed to explore the different stations in the Math Alive gallery. Some of the favorite stations were the rock climbing wall, snowboarding interactive and the 360 degree camera/video shoot. Each station taught a lesson related to mathematics.

In the afternoon, students enjoyed lunch under the wing of a massive B-36 plane in the airplane hangar. Students also participated in a scavenger hunt in the airplane hangar. Students had to explore the planes and record their years of service. Next they had to subtract to figure out how many years the plane had been in service before it was displayed at the museum. To end the day students were able to personalize their own set of dog tags and ride a jet or helicopter simulator. Check out the Elgin Eagles web page for pictures from this memorable field trip!

CHECK YOUR LUNCH ACCOUNT ONLINE:

- ⇒ Go to the school website www.elgineagles.org
- ⇒ Click the "Lunch Account Balance" button on the right-hand side of the home page.
- ⇒ Enter your family ID number and PIN (If you do not know your family ID or PIN, please call the school)
- ⇒ Your lunch account balance will be shown. If you would like to see a detailed statement, scroll to the bottom of that page and click on a detailed version.

If you have any difficulties with access or questions about the program, please contact Anney Beckman 843-2455 or beckmana@esu8.org



Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results.

Willie Nelson

MATHCOUNTS MATH CLUB OFF TO AN AMAZING START



The Junior High Mathcounts Math Club has started off with a bang. 24 seventh and eighth grade students attended the first meeting last week. This year the Math Club will be the catalyst for the Mathcounts Competition Team.

All students interested in mathematics were encouraged to attend. I am excited to have students of all levels taking part. Some are here to be part of the competition team and others are here to improve their math skills. With a total enrollment of 28 seventh and eighth graders it is wonderful to see so many interested in an academic organization. After all this is why school buildings were built.

The group will work together to improve each others mathematics abilities and act as peer tutors for others. I encourage anyone needing help to contact myself or a Math Club member and we can line you up with a peer tutor.

Lydia Behnk, Myranda Palmer, and Hunter Reestman were elected by their peers to function as club leaders and captains.



Ivy Prater models her Child Development homework.

Pregnancy: A HEAVY Subject

By Ivy Prater

How does it feel to suddenly be nine months pregnant without really being pregnant? "How is this possible?" you may ask. It's easier than you might think. All you have to do is put on an Empathy Belly. An Empathy Belly is a pregnancy simulator that lets you know what it physically feels like to be carrying a full term baby. Students in Child Development were recently given the opportunity to wear this unique piece of clothing.

I hadn't worn the belly more than two hours before I wanted to take it off. My back ached from carrying the extra 30 some pounds. My posture was greatly affected, all I wanted to do was slouch forward because of the weight. When I tried the various tasks I was assigned, I found them much more difficult especially tying shoes. I nearly face planted during this task besides the fact that I looked like a much bigger version of myself I also felt mentally and emotionally confused. During band I felt constricted and out of breath as I tried to play my instrument.

Overall my time wearing the empathy belly was an eye-opening experience. It is definitely not easy to carry the weight of a baby around. Thankfully my experience with a simulated pregnancy was over as soon as I took the belly off. I now have much more empathy for pregnant women everywhere!

EPPJ JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL WRAPS UP SEASON



Gold medal-winners from the Ewing Junior High Volleyball Invite: Back Row: Coach Stacy Shumake-Henn, Paige Meis, Grace Henn, Lydia Behnk, Breanna Couch, Heather Bauer, Coach Eric Mlinar, Coach Sandi Henn. Second Row: Calli Krebs, Ally Wemhoff, Anna Heilhecker, Sydney Kerkman. Front Row: Student manager Chloe Henn

by Mrs. Shoe

Another EPPJ Junior High Volleyball season is in the books, but some fond memories of the season will definitely linger on. Twenty-eight girls competed for the Wolfpack squad this year, which was divided into two groups: The A-team and the B-team.

The A-team proved to be very competitive this year. They compiled a 4-3 regular season record, a perfect 6-0 tournament record, and a 10-3 overall record. Their efforts also netted two championships this season. They placed first at both the Cedar Rapids Invite and the Ewing Invite.

The B-team also grew competitively throughout the season, dropping some final games by small margins. Each member improved in some way throughout the season, making the whole team stronger in turn.

Throughout the season, the girls focused on fundamentals, staying positive, and working as a team. The coaches were more than pleased with the efforts of each and every player.

Members of this year's team include Cheyanne Giddings, Maddie Dilly, Lizzy Mlnarik, Anna Heilhecker, Maddie Schrage, Grace Henn, Lydia Behnk, Taralyn Baum, Calli Krebs, Nicki Payne, Heather Bauer, Lauren Seier, Myranda Palmer, Brianna Lierman, Sydney Kerkman, Vada Kruse, Brea Carr, Kaylee Martinsen, Ally Wemhoff, Emma Kerkman, Paige Meis, Marie Meis, Breanna Couch, Leslie Nichols, Shelby Dohmen, Brianna Hupp, Mary Nichols, and Kira Widger.

Coaches for the team this season are Stacy Shumake-Henn, Sandi Henn, and Eric Mlinar.

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





My Child Is Absent-- Does the School Need a Note?

It is very important that the school knows the whereabouts of all the students during the school day. The school has a responsibility to keep track of all students for their safety during the

school day. Your child is expected at school each day that school is in session. If your child will not be attending school, parents should call the school (843-2455) right away in the morning to tell us why your child cannot attend. We should still receive a handwritten note or e-mail from the parent when the child returns to school. All notes are filed in the student's file for the entire year. If there is ever a question about an absence that is reported on our computer system, we have that note or e-mail to verify the information.

The Nebraska Dept. of Education requires each school to report excessive absences each month. These requirements are an attempt to cut down on the number of student absences. NDE feels that greater accountability will result in better attendance.

The North Central District Health Dept. does a weekly surveillance with schools. School surveillance is a state-wide effort that is used for early recognition of disease outbreaks throughout Nebraska in order to treat the diseases, such as influenza, promptly and stop the spread of the disease as quickly as possible.

By calling the school and sending a note when your child is absent, you are assisting the school in keeping top-notch attendance records.



Thank you ELGIN FIRE DEPT. for allowing us to visit the fire hall during fire prevention week!

Thank you for the job you do for our community!



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM SET

NOVEMBER 11, 2012

9:00 A.M.

EPS GYMNASIUM
(Note time change)

Please join the local veterans organizations, school students, and the Elgin community as we pay tribute to our present military personnel and the veterans who have served in past years.

Hope to see you there!

Counselor's Corner



Seniors...it's time to start the admissions process!

Admission deadlines will start hitting this fall. Follow these steps to stay on track:

- * **Contact your top colleges NOW** and ask about deadlines and the process for applying for admission, college-based scholarships and financial aid.
- * **Apply to your top 3-4 colleges before the deadline.** Along with your application, the colleges will require your high school transcript, class rank, GPA and ACT/SAT score. They may also request a list of your extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, an essay, and an interview.
- * **Update your *Activities Resume*.** Because extracurricular activities are an important part of the admissions application, keep them up-to-date by using the *Activities Resume* at EducationQuest.org.
- * **Contact your admissions representative periodically** to stay informed about deadlines and campus activities.
- * **Attend a Financial Aid Program to learn college funding options**
- * **If you attend, you can register to win a \$500 scholarship!**
- * Juniors and seniors - to learn about financial aid and other college funding options, attend an EducationQuest **Financial Aid Program** with a parent or guardian. Those who attend will be eligible to apply for a \$500 *Financial Aid Program Scholarship!* Find details at EducationQuest.org.

Juniors...start researching colleges

If you narrow your college choices by the end of your junior year, your senior year will be less stressful. Here's how to get started:

- * **Review *College Profiles* at EducationQuest.org** for information about colleges in Nebraska and across the country. If you're interested in an out-of-state school, check out the Midwest Student Exchange Program to learn about options for discounts on tuition.
- * **Meet with college representatives** who visit your school, and then visit the websites of the colleges that interest you to learn more about the schools.
- * Once you've narrowed your choices, **schedule campus visits.** Try to visit in the spring of your junior year while colleges are still in session.

For more tips, visit the Selecting a College section at EducationQuest.org.

November "To Do" List:

Juniors and seniors...complete these tasks in November to stay on the path to college!

___ Seniors, register by November 8 for the December 14 ACT.

___ Seniors, register by November 8 for the December 7 SAT.

___ Attend a Financial Aid Program in your area and apply for a \$500 scholarship.

___ Apply for scholarships. Visit free sites such as *ScholarshipQuest* at EducationQuest.org.

___ Meet with college representatives who visit your school.

First Grade Scientists



In Science, the first graders have spent time learning about tools scientists use. They learned how to use a magnifier, thermometer and ruler. The pictures show them figuring out how to put a balance together. After putting the balance together, they measured objects to see which were heavier and lighter.



HEALTHY HAND WASHING

If you have not done so already, now is a good time to help your child develop healthy hand washing habits.

Proper hand washing can prevent the spread of many communicable diseases. Water alone,

however, won't kill germs. Soap is needed too.

Drying the hands with a disposable paper towel will help stop the spread of germs.

Here are some appropriate occasions for your child to practice hand washing:

- ⇒ When he comes into the house after playing outdoors.
- ⇒ After using the toilet.
- ⇒ After petting an animal.
- ⇒ Before eating food.

Good habits--learned early--can last a lifetime.

So, help your child develop the good habit of washing his hands.



Don't Throw Away That Empty Printer Cartridge! Bring it to school!

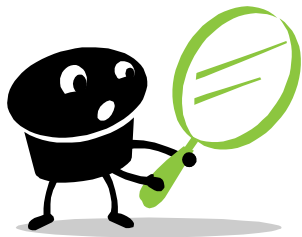
Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our school will receive \$2.00 for each cartridge turned in.

Bring in your empty cartridges (use a Ziploc bag to avoid ink spills) to the office recycle bin.



Have you sponsored an ad in the yearbook yet? What a terrific way to support our school. Besides the advertisement for your business in the yearbook, your name is also listed in the winter sporting event programs. If you would like to sponsor an ad, please contact Mrs. Rita Heithoff 843-2455.

Scavenger Hunt



The second grade and kindergarten met in October to do a Nature Scavenger Hunt. This is a great way to learn new things at different ages and to get along with different people. It was a cold windy day, but we still found many treasures.

Classroom Snippets ...

Reading Mastery Coaches Visit Elgin Public

On Tuesday October 15th, Jo Farrimond from Oklahoma and Paul McKinney from New York visited Elgin Public School.

They are with Educational Resources Inc., a professional development company that the Northern Tier has contracted with to help with resources and implementing our Reading Mastery program. Jo is a consultant that will visit the school twice a year, while Paul is the President of the company. Jo is hired to visit the schools to check on student data and progress in the program and coach teachers to use the program with fidelity.



Both Jo and Paul commended the Reading Mastery Teachers and students on all of their hard work and dedication to the Reading Mastery Program.

Numbers Don't Lie Class of 2019

The NeSA State Reading results have been tabulated and last year's 6th Grade Class

posted a **148** average score while the State Average score was **115**. SUPER!

Then from a field of **249** schools in gr.6-

8 they ranked **2**. AWESOME!

ALL of the 6th grade students Met or Exceeded the Standards. What an Accomplishment!

Thank you for working so hard on those reading skills and trusting me to guide you. I am so

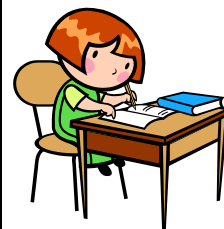
proud of each of you.
CONGRATULATIONS!

From: Mrs. Thorberg

State Writing Practice Test

Every year the fourth graders not only have the NESAs Reading and Mathematics tests in the spring,

but also have the NESAs Writing test in January.



To prepare for this, they have just completed the state practice

test. The papers will be scored by three raters in the state to give the students an idea of what the scoring is like. Their papers are scored for four categories- Ideas/Content, Organization, Word Choice/Voice, and Sentence Fluency/Conventions.

PARTS OF AN ATOM

By Randy Eisenhauer

This last week the 6th graders have been learning about an atom and what makes an atom. Students have been studying the subatomic parts of an atom and how each subatomic particle functions. After studying for a couple days they had to be creative and come up with an Atom model. These students did an exceptional job with them and locating all the correct parts. Excellent job 6th graders!!



Sixth graders posing with their atom model are: Standing: Araceli Palmer, Josh Bailey, Wyatt Renner, Front row: Colby Sehi, Adam Dreger, Tanner Bottorf, and Cory Romej

Junior High Language Arts



In Seventh Grade Reading and Study Skills, we have been working to prepare for the NeSA tests. We are learning to decode unfamiliar words by looking at their prefixes and using context clues. We also strive to improve our comprehension skills by articles and stories. This class will end after twelve weeks.

The past month has been busy for seventh graders in language arts. We finished reading *The Outsiders*, a novel written by S.E. Hinton. They also wrote their first five-paragraph essay that described someone they felt possessed heroic qualities. We found, after reading the novel and completing the essay, that heroes can be found all around us.

The eighth graders just finished reading Mitch Albom's *Tuesdays With Morrie*, a nonfiction book that taught us many valuable life lessons.

In addition to the book, they have made great strides in their abilities to write descriptively. Making the step from informative writing to descriptive is quite an adjustment. Mrs. Drueke will be taking a sample of their work to a writing retreat to see how their essays compare to other students in the area. This will be a great indicator of where we stand for the statewide writing assessment later this year.



Elgin Public Schools celebrated the success on the NeSA scores on Thursday October 17th. All the students were recognized for their successes on the test and treated to an afternoon of Movies and popcorn. The school had several areas that the students were in the top 5 in the state. Great job to all the teachers and students for their efforts.



Math – Ms. Johnson and students 9-12 who took the NeSa placed 3rd out of 249 schools in the state. (Not pictured Ms. Rethmeier- who also taught this group last year)



Reading - Mrs. Thiele-Blecher and Mrs. Thorberg are pictured with last year 6-8 students who placed 2nd in the state out of 249 schools.



Math- Mrs. Borer is pictured with last year's 6-8th grade students who placed 4th in the state out 249 schools. (Not pictured Ms. Rethmeier who also taught this group last year)

Administratively Speaking . . .

By Dan Polk
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This school year continues to go very well. I am so proud of the things that have happened, and are happening at the Elgin Public Schools. I'm also very proud of our board of education, certified and non-certified staff as well as the students. We are all working hard to be productive, life-changing quality citizens and people and make our school system the best it can be. The levy continues to fall substantially and prudent management of funds is always a priority.

As I'm sure you all know by now the students did WONDERFULLY on the state-wide testing ranking at the top of state in all sizes of schools. The campus has undergone many changes from the grass and landscaping, to the heating system, to the eagle's nest; and there are more improvements and opportunities for improvements to come.

Elgin, some bigger, some smaller, none better ----as a whole I would transfer that community slogan to your public schools as well. It takes cooperation and good people to make a community and a school work well and be successful. I think it is clear that Elgin has those people.

Have a safe and happy Halloween and AS ALWAYS, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your public school, please feel free to give the staff and/or administration a call any time.

Elgin Public PASS System



Parents and students can access student's current grades through the EPS website:

www.elgineagles.org

Click on Schoolmaster under "Quick Links" and enter the student ID number and PIN. If you have questions, please call the school.



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