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# EAGLE UPDATE

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

From Mr. Eisenhower & Mrs. Thorberg



Nov. 11  
Veterans Day  
Program 11:00 a.m

# D.A.R.E. Returns to EPS



Nov. 11  
School Board Mtg.  
7:30 p.m.



Nov. 18  
Late Start  
10:00 a.m.



Nov. 20  
Elementary  
Vocabulary Parade  
2:45 p.m.



Nov. 25  
Early Dismissal  
1:00 p.m.

Nov. 26 & 27  
NO SCHOOL

*Officer John Shaver of the Antelope County Sheriff's Office visits with 5th & 6th Grade Students.*

# D.A.R.E.

TO RESIST DRUGS  
AND VIOLENCE

*This year the 5th and 6th graders have started the D.A.R.E. program. D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. This program started back in 1983 and is now taught in more than 300,000 classrooms in 50 states and 53 countries around the world. It is now being taught to the 5th and 6th graders at Elgin Public Schools. The kids are 4 weeks into the program and are learning and enjoying everything that the program has to offer.*



From Mrs. Beckman

## Second Grade Writing

*The second grade has been writing paragraphs. These are some of the paragraphs they have written:*

### Jonathan Leistman

Do you have a favorite place?  
My favorite place is Dominos Pizza.  
When I go to Colorado my papa makes the pizza. My papa works at Dominos Pizza.  
My papa taught me how to make pizza. I love to eat pizza.

### Ryan Bruns

Do you like video games? My favorite thing after school to do is play video games. I play Subway Surfers. It's fun because you control them. Minecraft is also fun because you build things. I like my video games.

### Creighton Harkins

Do you like trucks? I have trucks. I have a semi, a cement mixer, and a garbage truck. My semi is red and my trailer is white. My cement mixer is white too. My garbage trucks back is green and the front of the truck is white. I love my trucks.

### Jacorey Weidner

Do you like fall? My favorite season is fall. You have to rake leaves. You can jump in the leaves then they fly up. The fall leaves are pretty colors, red and yellow. I like fall.

### Kaytunn Zwingman

Do you like summer? My favorite season is summer. One thing I did was to go to the pool and play with my friends. The next thing I did is I went to the lake at Calamus. Then I hung out with my babysitter Jenna. She is a good babysitter. I also went to swimming lessons. I like summer.

### Nick Mace

Do you like McDonald's? My favorite place is McDonald's. I get to play on the slide. I get to play on the fake rocket. I also get to play tag on the mat. I play on the horse too. I like McDonald's.

### Taytumn Clouse

Do you have a favorite pet? My favorite pet is a horse. I like to ride my horse. I like to do barrel racing. I like to ride my horse bareback too. I like giving my horse a bath. I love to ride my horse.

### Jayda Chessmore

I love playing on my tablet! My favorite thing to do is play on my tablet. I play Battle the Teacher. You have to try to get more points than the teacher. Here's another game. It's where you answer addition and subtraction fact. If you get it wrong he eats it. If it's wrong then he goes to the hospital. Another game is called Counting Canyon. If it says counting by two's, you go 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10. If you don't get it right he falls in the water. I love my tablet.

### Alison Kirstine

School is fun! I learned math and science at school. I have to do correcting of my work, but you get lunch recess. You might ride on the bus or you might not ride the bus. I love school.

### Kyndal Busted

Do you like school? School is my favorite place. At school you do your jobs. You have to do your jobs at the end of the day. You learn math, science, social studies and language, and other things. You go to p.e., music, and art. In your desk you have pencils, folders, a crayon box, and a math folder. You do Reading Mastery. I like school because you get to learn a lot of things.



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From Mr. Becker

## Beach Ball Volleyball



*Freshmen enjoy a game of Giant Beach Ball Volleyball during P.E.*

From Mrs. Vanis

## PRESCHOOL VISIT FIRE STATION



*The Preschoolers toured the Fire Station during Fire Prevention Week. We also spent the week learning about fire safety.*



From Mrs. Borer

## 4th Grade Math



*The 4th graders practiced subtracting three-digit numbers with regrouping by using money manipulatives.  
L to R: Keyera, Nick, and Abriel*

### Remember the three keys to preventing illness:



1. Teach your child to wash his hands thoroughly and often and to use waterless hand cleanser when water isn't available.
2. Give him disposable tissues; remind him to use and discard them.
3. Discourage him from sharing food, plates, cups or utensils.

### ***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 Mrs. Borer



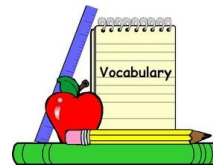
### VETERANS DAY PROGRAM SET

NOVEMBER 11, 2015  
11:00 A.M.  
EPS GYMNASIUM

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!

### ***The First Annual Vocabulary Parade is Coming!***



**Date:** Friday, November 20th  
**Time:** 2:45 p.m.  
**Where:** EPS gym

**Mark your calendars!**  
**The K-6 elementary students will be dressing up as a vocabulary word to show its meaning. Come see their creativity! Nebraska News Channel will be here to tape it for TV!**

From Mrs. Shumake-Henn

## ***Senior Jewelry Makers in Action***

As a part of the British literature unit, students in English 12 spent some time exploring the mysterious world of runes.

Runes are characters that make up one of the world's earliest alphabets. While the symbols stand for letters/sounds, they also represent objects and serve as symbols for different ideas such as love, life, victory, challenges, etc.

Over the years, runes have been used in various ways. Some early cultures utilized them as a means of fortune telling, which was referred to as casting runes. Others used them in an attempt to control their destiny by binding them. Binding involved grouping chosen runes together, often in the form of jewelry or charms.

After a bit of research into the different runes and what they symbolize, students chose the characters they felt best represented their lives and values. Next, they created their masterpieces. Most included necklaces made from a variety of materials: deer antlers, tree branches, and various beads.

Finally, members of the class presented their creations to class and explained the purpose behind the runes they selected.



*Christian Lundgren displays his jewelry.*

From Mrs. Zwingman

## From the Resource Room

This summer while I was at home watching the CBS Morning News, the book *How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Child for Success* was being discussed with the author, Julie Lythcott-Haims, by Charlie, Gayle, and Norah. I was intrigued as I myself am a parent and would like to validate if what I am doing is on the right track, therefore, I ordered the book. I felt it had valid and truthful information about the children we are raising and integrating into society as adults. I felt them so powerful that I wanted to pass them along.

"Levine shared her research on three ways that we can overparent and cause psychological harm:  
1. when we do for our kids what they can *already* do for themselves  
2. what we do for our kids what they can *almost* do for themselves  
3. when our parenting behavior is motivated by our own ego



When we parent this way we deprive our kids of the opportunity to be creative, to problem solve, to develop coping skills, to build resilience, to figure out what makes them happy, to figure out who they are. In short, it deprives them of the chance to be, well, human. Although we overinvolve ourselves to protect our kids and it may in fact lead to short-term gains, our behavior actually delivers soul-crushing news: "Kid, you can't actually do any of this without me." It increases our kids' chances of suffering from depression, anxiety, to become cutters, and have suicidal thoughts. (Lythcott-Haims, 2015, p. 94)"

Lythcott-Haims, J. (2015). *How to raise an adult: Break free of the overparenting trap and prepare your kid for success.* New York, New York: Henry Holt and Company, LLC.

From Mrs. Thiele-Blecher

## READING MASTERY VISIT



Elgin Public recently had their Reading Consultant, Jo Farrimond, come and visit their school. She comes to help teachers ensure that our Reading Mastery program is being taught with fidelity!

## 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:

**Complete your college visits** and narrow your choices to 3-4 schools.

**Contact your top colleges** 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.** If your school is conducting an Apply2College event this fall, you can get help during the school day with your college applications. Even if your school isn't conducting an event, use free Apply2College resources including this [College Application Checklist](#). For other resources and tips, [click here](#).

**Update your *Activities Resume*.** Since extracurricular activities are an important part of a college 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. If you attend, you'll 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, see 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 5 for the December 5 SAT.
- \_\_\_ Seniors, [register](#) by November 6 for the December 12 ACT.
- \_\_\_ 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.

From Mrs. Bode

## FCCLA Family Night and Officer Installation

Family Night has become a tradition of FCCLA that promotes all values of the organization. Members and Officers were encouraged to invite parents for a night of games and dessert after the meeting. At the 2015-2016 Family Night, attendees witnessed the Installation of Officers and the traditional candle lighting ceremony. Officers explained the 8 purposes of FCCLA and their meanings. Taya Voborny (Chapter President), Dylan Widger (District Representative and Chapter Vice President), Zoey Bergman (Secretary), Paige Nichols (Historian), and Jaime Hoefler (News Reporter) officially took on their roles as officers following the Induction Ceremony.

Members and parents viewed a slide show featuring last year's activities and learned about plans for the upcoming year. Parents competed against their children in a game of "How Well Do You Know Them" and played Kahoot, an online multiple choice game, to test their knowledge of Nebraska FCCLA facts. To top off the night, everyone enjoyed ice cream and cupcakes baked by Mrs. Bode!

Submitted by Jaime Hoefler, News Reporter



*Jaime Hoefler, Dylan Widger, and Taya Voborny participate in the traditional candle lighting ceremony.*

From Mrs. Thiele-Blecher

## Freshman Champs



*The Freshman on the Wolfpack Volleyball team traveled to Neligh for a Freshman Tournament on Saturday, October 17th. In the first game they beat Norfolk Catholic in 3 sets. In the Championship game the girls beat Boone Central/Newman Grove in 2 sets to bring home the championship trophy! Way to go team!*



*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!*

## First Quarter Honor Roll Announced

### ALL A Honor Roll

Lydia Behnk  
Ingvild Bekkeseth  
Elianne Heilhecker  
Skylar Reestman  
Kane VonBonn  
Alois Warner

### Superior Honor Roll

Dylan Behnk  
Morgan Carpenter  
Katelyn Copeland  
Adam Dreger  
Theanna Dunn  
Anna Heilhecker  
Liam Heithoff  
Claire Kerkman  
Araceli Palmer  
Hunter Reestman  
Kaitlyn Polk  
Kelsey Welding  
Allyson Wemhoff  
Kira Widger

### Honor Roll

Zoey Bergman  
Garet Behnk  
Dayna Bousquet  
Kenneth Bush  
Breanna Carr  
Shelby Dohmen  
Destiny Francis  
Joseph Getzfred  
Jaime Hoefler  
Vika Huang  
Emma Kerkman  
Leslie Linares  
Paige Nichols  
Myranda Palmer  
Wyatt Renner  
Taylor Sehi  
Tiarra Thramer  
Baylee Wemhoff  
Dylan Widger

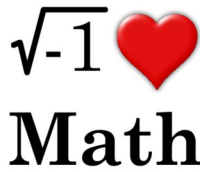
# Classroom Snippets ...

From Mrs. Gunderson

From Miss Johnson

## Know your math classes!!

Algebra 2 allows the student to extend their knowledge of operations on real numbers, and solve equations and inequalities. They will use a variety of graphing techniques, solve systems of linear equations, apply functions, and utilize problem solving techniques. Students will perform operations on rational expressions, simplify radical and quadratic functions, and apply exponential and logarithmic functions to real-world situations. It also includes a study of trigonometric functions.



Currently, the big push in Algebra 2 is the state test (NeSA) that every Junior will take this spring and the ACT which is used for college acceptance.

From Miss Johnson

## Magazine Sales Still Possible

Our Magazine sale has ended but if we have missed your order you can still renew through our internet code at [www.gaschoolstore](http://www.gaschoolstore). The website has magazines, gift items, photobooks and customized photo greeting cards, candy, snacks, etc.



From Mr. Heithoff

## Upcoming Music Events

**Music Booster Meeting- November 16th at 6:30 pm.** We will be discussing trip options for this year, so parents of band/choir students in grades 7-12 need to be there!

**NVC Choir Concert- November 9th at 7:00 in Orchard**

**High School Christmas Concert- December 14th at 7:30 pm**

**Elementary Christmas Concert- December 17th at 7:30 pm**



*The first graders had fun touring the fire station and riding on the fire truck. Thank you for everything you do!*

From Mrs. Druke

## Junior High Language Arts

The junior high language arts classes have been busy reading a variety of literature this year. We started the year with several short stories, but we have moved on to class novels for the time being. Both the seventh and eighth graders are finishing up our first class novel.



The seventh graders are reading *A Long Walk to Water*, a novel by Linda Sue Park. It is a novel with a parallel plot that tells two separate stories of two young children growing up in Sudan, one of which is a biography, but the other is historical fiction.

The eighth graders are reading S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*. Taught in classrooms for many years, it is still a powerful novel whose major themes address much of what society still faces today. Both novels have brought about many enlightening discussions.

From Mrs. D. Heithoff

## Critical Thinking

What is critical thinking? Critical thinking is the ability to solve problems, think about thinking, locate the appropriate route to a goal, capture and transmit knowledge, and be flexible, creative, and

original. Today's students will inherit a complex and rapidly changing world, a world in which they'll be required to absorb new ideas, examine and interpret information, apply knowledge, and solve unconventional problems.

In Junior High Principles of Problem Solving we are using some of the activities found in "81 Fresh and Fun Critical Thinking Activities" by Laurie Rozakis to help us prepare for the information explosion of the twenty-first century.



According to Ms. Rozakis, research shows that critical thinking is neither inborn nor naturally acquired but can be taught and learned.

Parents can model critical thinking for their children by sharing your own problem solving strategies and accepting unusual and unexpected strategies and solutions. Encourage your child to see themselves as thinkers.

## Yearbook Ads



Have you sponsored an ad in the yearbook yet? What a terrific way to support our school.

Please contact Mrs. Rita Heithoff 843-2455.

From Mrs. R. Heithoff

# 3D Doodler Pen



*Dayna Bousquet creates a mask using the 3D Doodler pen*

The Junior High and High School Art students recently acquired several 3D Doodler printing pens. Mr. Polk had seen the video on the pens and asked if anyone was interested. I showed the video to the Art students and they quickly jumped on the idea. You can check out the 3D Doodler website and view the video yourself.

The pens melt a stick of plastic much like a hot glue gun melts a glue stick. The students are able to create 3D models because the pens contain a small, internal fan that quickly dries the plastic as it emerges so they can draw vertically in the air with the pens not just on a flat surface.

We ordered one pen to start to see how it worked and have added five more. The students started off practicing to get the feel of the pen and what they could do with it and will begin creating mask designs over plastic molds for their first project.

From Mrs. Siems

# Kindergarten Visits Fire Hall



*On October 14 the kindergarten class visited the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department. We enjoyed the tour and of course the fire truck ride around town. Thank you to the volunteers for everything you do for us.*

## THINK!

Before You ...

Text  
You Tube  
Google +  
Twitter  
Instagram  
Facebook

## THINK!

T—Is it true?  
H—Is it helpful?  
I—Is it inspiring?  
N—Is it necessary?  
K—Is it kind?

RESPECT YOURSELF.  
RESPECT OTHERS.



[www.preventingcrime.ca/THINK](http://www.preventingcrime.ca/THINK)

From Mrs. Eisenhauer

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter A.R. Goals!



**Third Grade Readers: Back row (l to r): Callie, Taylor, Sarah, Chloe, Samantha, Riddick, Alejandro**  
**Front row (l to r): Sonni, Gage, Emma, Lauren, Jaidyn, Trissa, Austin**

All 3<sup>rd</sup> graders met their first quarter Accelerated Reading goals set by Mrs. Eisenhauer at the beginning of the school year! Together as a class, they read a total of 215 books for the months of August, September, and October! They earned 174.9 A.R. points total and averaged a 92% score on their quizzes as a whole class! Impressive reading 3<sup>rd</sup> graders!

*SMILE — make someone else's day!*

From Mrs. Klein

## A Day at the Theater



Students in Spanish classes and the One Act team members enjoyed an afternoon at the theatre. The Omaha Community Playhouse presented the acclaimed, Tony award-winning musical *Man of la Mancha*.

This was an extraordinary experience for our students, especially the Spanish 3 and 4 classes. The musical is based on the book they are reading in class, *Don Quixote de la Mancha*, by Miguel de Cervantes.

From Mr. Prater

## Naturalization Test

Besides the speaking, reading, and writing parts of the naturalization process. The fourth is civics.

Here applicants are asked a series of ten questions from a list of a 100 and must orally answer six of them correctly. The following is an excerpt from the list of 100 official questions and answers used on the new U.S. citizenship test. During Constitution day students were asked some of these questions to test their knowledge.

How well can you do? Remember you need to get six out of ten or 12 out of 20 correct. Good luck!



Principles of American Democracy:

- 1) What is the supreme law of the land?
- 2) What does the Constitution do?
- 3) The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the constitution. What are these words?
- 4) What is an amendment?
- 5) What are the first ten amendments to the Constitution called?
- 6) What is one right or freedom guaranteed by the First Amendment?
- 7) How many amendments does the Constitution have?
- 8) What did the Declaration of Independence do?
- 9) What are the rights granted by the Declaration of Independence?
- 10) What is the freedom of religion?
- 11) What is the economic system used in the United States?
- 12) Who is in charge of the executive branch?
- 13) Who makes federal laws?
- 14) What are the two parts of the United States Congress?
- 15) How many United States Senators are there?
- 16) For how many years is a United States Senator elected?
- 17) How many voting members are in the House of Representatives?
- 18) For how many years is a United States Representative elected?
- 19) Who does a Senator represent?
- 20) For how many years is a United States President elected?

Answers are on page 11.





The first annual Donuts with Dad was held October 15<sup>th</sup> at the EPS gymnasium. I was very pleased with the great turn-out. I appreciate all the dads and special guests who took the time out of their busy schedules to have a donut and read with their elementary student(s). Moms don't feel left out, Muffins with Moms is just around the corner, clear the morning of December 4<sup>th</sup> to join us for muffins and reading time with your elementary students. Thanks again!



## Answers to Naturalization Test:

1. The Constitution
2. Sets up the government. Defines the government. Protects basic rights of Americans.
3. "We the people..."
4. A change to the Constitution. An addition to the Constitution.
5. The Bill of Rights.
6. The freedom of: speech, press, religion, peaceable assembly, petition the government.
7. Twenty- seven (27)
8. It announced/declared the United States independence from Great Britain.
9. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
10. The right to practice any religion, or not practice a religion.
11. Capitalism/Market economy
12. The President.
13. The legislative branch, or Congress.
14. The Senate and the House of Representatives.
15. One hundred (100)
16. Six (6)
17. Four hundred thirty-five (435)
18. Two (2)
19. All the people of the state.
20. Four (4)

## CHECK YOUR LUNCH ACCOUNT ONLINE:

- ⇒ Go to the school website [www.elgineagles.org](http://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 [anney.beckman@elgineagles.org](mailto:anney.beckman@elgineagles.org)

## Elgin Public PASS System



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

[www.elgineagles.org](http://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.

*For the most up-to-date information, please check our website:  
[www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org)*

# Administratively Speaking . . .

By Dan Polk  
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The Weather is turning, as are the leaves. This is such a beautiful time of year in Nebraska and especially here in Elgin. The year is flying by, as time tends to do when you are busy. The students here at the Elgin Public Schools are working hard and as active as ever. They continue to accomplish great things on their assessments and in their extra curricular roles. It is not easy being a K-12 student in these times. It is a completely different world than it was 15, 20 or 30 years ago. Family make-up, technology usage, extra curricular time commitments as well as the rigors of high academic expectations and state testing are all things public schools must be responsible for. We no longer can stand on certain tests like the ACT or norm based tests for checking on students. State requirements ensure and force public schools to be more specific, accountable, inclusive and detailed than they have ever had to be before. Not all of this is bad as we should be accountable and have high expectation; but there is a limit....Too much of anything, be it a positive or negative change, is usually not a good thing. Yet Elgin Public Students persevere and perform in the top 30% of all public schools in the state. Students— we are very proud of you!

Now a little housekeeping message that I "put out there" every year. If Elgin Public does NOT call school due to weather, and you disagree with that decision, please keep your child at home or come get your child and just let the school. I try and consult with different people and make the best decision available regarding "snow days" but it's not an easy call. I USUALLY always try and make a call the night before IF AT ALL POSSIBLE as to give people the most time available to make arrangements but once in a while it just doesn't work out that way. Back in the day it was rare that it happened but more and more kids are driving and more and more travel occurs; yet it is important and a priority to come to school and get an education. It's never an easy call, unless we get one of those famous midwest blizzards but we will do our best.....

*Check our website for the most current news  
and calendar:  
[www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org)*



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