



EAGLE UPDATE


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DATES TO REMEMBER

 November 9
Veteran's Day
Program
EPS Gym- 11:00 am

 November 16
LATE START
10:00 am

 November 23
EARLY OUT
1:00 pm

 November 24-25
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break

From Mr. Eisenhauer

6th Grade Volcanoes a "Blast"!



Veterans Day Program will be held on November 9th
this year due to State Volleyball Tournament

From Mrs. Beckman

Second Grade Breakout EDU

Do you enjoy a good mystery? Wednesday, September 21st the second grade class had no clue they were about to become educational detectives, sentence sleuths, and cooperating teammates in the latest Breakout EDU.

Students learned critical thinking and problem solving skills while working together with partners! Six mysterious problems were discovered. When each problem was solved, it unlocked a clue- after lots of fun, investigating (problem solving and team work), and all six clues were gathered. They were able to unlock the final mystery problem. Case closed! It was a wonderful morning and we thank Ms. Heidi Reithmeier.



From Mrs. Shumake-Henn

Shakespearean Experience

On Thursday, October 6, members of the English 10 class traveled to O'Neill St. Mary's for a day of Shakespeare. The Nebraska Shakespeare troupe performed their rendition of Hamlet for the students.

Following the play, students were invited to partake in a number of breakout sessions including stage dueling/combat, translating and rewording text, and character motivation.

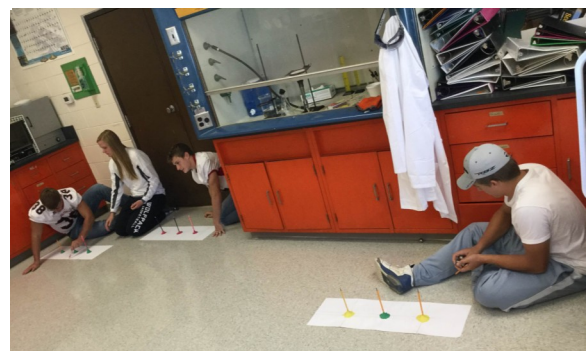
This was the first experience with Shakespeare for most . . . but certainly not their last!



From Mr. Coakes

Foil Experiments in Science

The Chemistry class performed a lab to recreate Rutherford's famous Gold Foil Experiment. They used pencils to represent the nucleus of an atom and rolled ball bearings to represent the positively charged alpha particles. Since most of the alpha particles went straight through with out hitting anything, it can be concluded that most of the atom is empty space. And since a few bounced backwards after a collision, we can conclude that there must be a very small but dense positive core in the center of the atom.



From Mr. Heithoff

From the Music Room

Here are some upcoming music events:

November 7 NVC Choir Concert
7:00 pm– Lynch

December 15 Elementary Concert
7:00 pm– EPS Gym

December 20 High School Concert



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. Heithoff

Alumni Webpage

Check out the Alumni site on the school webpage www.elgineagles.org. All EHS alumni since 1897 are now on the webpage. Over 3000 images were added over the last four years.



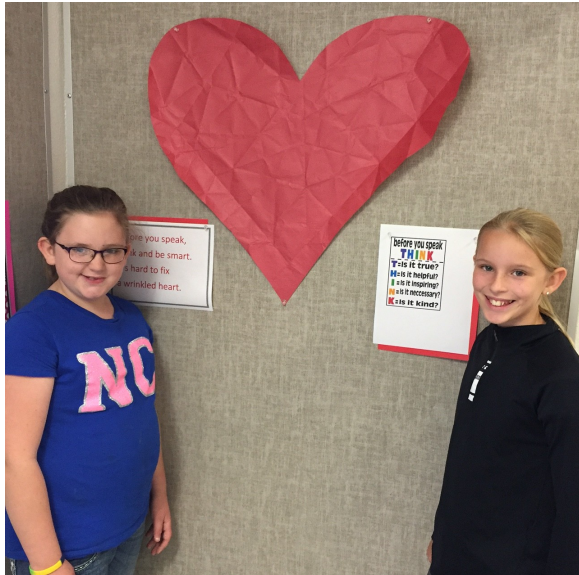
Go to "Alumni" and click on "Class Rosters" to view the graduates from 2016 to 1908 (our first photo group).

From Mrs. Borer

Bullying Prevention Month

October is bullying prevention month. The fifth graders did an activity where they told the class things or actions that would hurt someone's feelings. For each comment or action they put a fold in a paper heart. When it was completely folded up they told the class things or actions that would make someone feel good about themselves. For each friendly comment or action they undid a fold. After all the thoughtful things were said they realized there were still wrinkles in the heart and it wasn't completely back to normal. You can't take back your comments so think before you speak!

Pictured are Aubreionna Clouse and Baylee Busted



From Mrs. Klein

EPS One Act

What happens when the plans that have been laid before you do not match what you truly want in your heart? Well, the One Act team can tell you! The team has been busy preparing the play *13 Signs You Should Stop Being a Pirate* by A. M. Dittman. This short comedy puts it all out there for you, and the kids have done a great job bringing it to life! You can see the One Act perform on the following dates:

- * November 14th at 7pm- community performance in the EPS high school gym.
- * November 15th- NVC at Elkhorn Valley High School. Times to be announced.
- * November 23rd at 12:30pm- school matinee in the EPS gym.
- * November 30th is Districts at Leigh High School. Times to be announced.



The One Act is under the direction of Amy Klein and Kerri Drueke.

Nebraska Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program

Elgin Public School is once again participating in the Nebraska Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). This program provides all children and staff in participating schools with a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the school day. It is an effective and creative way of introducing fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy snack options.



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM SET

NOVEMBER 9, 2016
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!
(NOTE DATE CHANGE)

From Mrs. Thiele-Blecher

Wolfpack JH Volleyball Takes Runner-Up Trophy

The Wolfpack Junior High Volleyball Team recently brought home the runner-up plaque from the Cedar Rapids Volleyball Tournament. Members of the team are: (BR) Harlie Bode, Alyssa Burenheide, Kirsten Krebs, Ally Selting, Theanna Dunn, Jeslynn Beckman (MR) Kaylee Ramold, Jasmine Dozler, Marissa Preister, Ashtyn Meis, Natalie Bauer (FR) Skylar Reestman.

The team is coached by Stacy Shumake-Henn, Sandi Henn and Eric Mlinar.



From Mr. Mlinar

Check This Out!

Personal Finance students are learning how to manage a checking account. Skills that students learn from this unit include:

- * Opening a checking account
- * Entering transactions into the check register
- * Filling out a deposit ticket
- * Writing a check correctly
- * Endorsing the back of a check
- * Reconciling the bank statement and much more!

CHEQUE NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION	DEBITS (A)	CREDITS (A)	BALANCE
	1/13	Deposit + 50 cash		717.20	717.20
101	1/18	National Electric Company	35.24		681.96
102	1/19	Ready, Steady, Inc.	24.00		657.96
DC	1/15	Ticket Forum	40.00		617.96
103	1/15	Verizon	41.80		576.16
DC	1/19	Hilltop Garage	120.24		455.92
DC	1/22	Schump Health, Inc.	33.93		421.99
104	1/28	K&M Insurance	319.12		102.87
1/31		Psychoda 105 60 cash		690.37	793.24
105	1/31	Colonial Apartment	450.00		343.24
1/31		Service Charge	5.00		338.24
		Checking account fee			333.24

From Mrs. Heithoff

Math 7 Excitement

As we move into the second quarter, exciting things are happening in math. Math 7 is starting to work with some basic algebra concepts such as solving equations and inequalities. Mrs. Heithoff's Algebra I classes are excited about the prospect of learning how to use the graphing calculators this quarter. Advanced Algebra B continues work on the math skills needed to prepare them for the various tests that come with being a junior such as the ACT, the ASVAB, and the Compass test.

From Mrs. Wemhoff, Vanis, and Spiegel

Celebrating Fire Safety Week

Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade celebrated our local heroes by visiting the fire station last week. We learned about fire safety and the importance of having a safe spot for our family to meet if there was a fire at our house. We had a up close look at a fire truck and the ambulance. After our visit we all got a ride back to school on the fire truck. We made lots of noise around town! Thanks Fire and Rescue Volunteers for all you do to keep us safe in Elgin, Nebraska!



From Mr. Prater

County Government Day

October was a busy month for learning about state and local governments. On October 6th the Junior Government Class headed to Neligh for County Government Day. Earlier that week students were voted in to specific county offices. Then on Thursday they were able to learn about those offices by speaking with the people that hold those positions in Antelope County. Students listened to several speakers, were involved in a mock trial, toured the County Jail, and participated in other activities.



From Mr. Ostransky

Social Studies Update

In social studies, the 4th graders have been busy learning about the Native Americans that used to roam the plains of Nebraska. We have been studying their culture, and where they lived. We also have been studying what they used to hunt. To help with this, Mr. Ostransky brought in a visitor. Bob Palik of Lincoln came to present his arrowhead collection, which he found in different parts of Nebraska.



From Mr. Prater

Supreme Court Seniors

Friday the 7th the Senior class traveled to Norfolk to see the Nebraska Supreme Court hold their first ever Student Outreach Program outside of Lincoln and Omaha. Students watched as the Johnny Carson Theater turned in to the Nebraska Supreme Court Chambers. They listened to two hearings, one was a custody battle and the other was a statute of limitations case. Students listened to oral arguments from each side of the cases. It was a great experience for students to see how such a high court works!



From Mrs. Wemhoff

Kindergarten Poetry

Goodbye Summer Hello Fall

Goodbye swimming pool
Hello apples
Goodbye flowers
Hello pumpkins
Goodbye picnics
Hello playing in the leaves
Goodbye shorts
Hello red, yellow, orange, red, and brown
Goodbye baseball and softball
Hello football and volleyball



From Mrs. Eisenhauer

What is a Hokki Stool?

Some elementary classrooms are trying out a new kind of chair called a "Hokki" stool. In the picture, third graders, Kyndal Busteed, Taytum Clouse, and Kayton Zwingman are trying out the new stools during class. The stools have a rounded base that allows students to keep moving while sitting still. Students love the Hokki stools for learning and look forward to using them daily.



From Mrs. Borer

Accelerated Reader Hall of Fame Inductee

Baylee Busteed made it into Mrs. Borer's Accelerated Reader Hall of Fame by earning 100 points this quarter! She received a free t-shirt for working so hard. Way to go, Baylee!



From Mr. Becker

Scooter Tag Fun

Pictured below are the 3rd and 4th graders playing Scooter Tag during physical education class.



From Mrs. Thiele-Blecher

Volleyball C-Team Takes 3rd Place

On Saturday, October 15th the C team won 3rd place in the Neligh Tournament. In the first game they loss to Boone Central in 3 sets. In the next game they beat Norfolk Catholic in 3 sets. Great job girls!



CHECK YOUR LUNCH ACCOUNT ONLINE:

- ⇒ Go to the JMC website <https://elgineagles.onlinejmc.com>
- ⇒ Click the "Parents" button.
- ⇒ Enter your username and password (if you do not know your username or password, please call the school)
- ⇒ Click on Lunch and your balance and transactions will be shown.

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

From Mrs. Schwartz

FFA 2016 District X Livestock Judging Results

Congratulations to the Jr. Team of FFA livestock judges on placing 3rd at the district contest and qualifying for State next April! There were 38 Jr. Teams at districts and 140 Individuals.

Kyle Schumacher (5th place Jr. Ind.)
Allyson Wemhoff (22nd Place Jr. Ind.)
Faith Kinney (11th Place Jr. Ind.)
Cory Romej (36 place Jr. Ind.)

Breakdown by species: (just in the top 10)
Beef: Faith Kinney - 6th, Haley Zegers - 8th
Swine: Allyson Wemhoff - 9th
Sheep/Goats: Kyle Schumacher - 3rd

In the Senior Division, the FFA livestock judges also did well. The team of Marie Meis, Chad Bode, Lizzy Mlnarik and Nicki Payne were the 5th place team and alternates to State.

There were 27 senior teams and 103 individuals.

Breakdown by species & reasons: (just in the top 10)
Beef: Miles Schrage- 5th
Sheep/Goats: Chad Bode - 8th
Reasons: Nicki Payne - 9th

Pictured: Faith Kinney, Allyson Wemhoff, Corey Romej, and Kyle Schumacher



From Mrs. Druke

Junior High Readers Reach Individual Goals

As a quarterly requirement of our junior high language arts course, students are required to read novels independently and outside of our regular class time. Students select books based on their own interests, and when they are finished, they take an Accelerated Reader test over the book. Successful completion of the quiz earns them points based on the text difficulty and length. Students are required to earn a minimum of five Accelerated Reader reading points each quarter, but they also set individual goals. Meeting these individual goals means that the student has went above and beyond the minimum requirements of the class. The students that met their individual goals for the first quarter were Bailey Bennet-Schraeder, Theanna Dunn, Joseph Getzfred, and Jordan Lindgren. Congratulations and keep up the good work!



From Mrs. Lindgren

Math Teacher Attends NeSA College & Career Ready Math Transition Workshop

The Nebraska Department of Education adopted more rigorous math standards last year with the goal of making Nebraska students more prepared for college. Those new standards will be assessed on the NeSA test in 2018. Workshop participants were asked to create math questions which align to the new Math standards. The questions written will be used as part of the Check4Learning NeSA practice test program.

One of the exciting things discussed was the inclusion of more technology enhanced questions that will be included in future NeSA tests. The student will be able to manipulate data on the screen to solve problems. These questions make it easier to test higher order thinking skills.



From Mrs. Rittscher

Digital Citizenship Week October 16-22

Do you know what this text conversation is about? Not sure how to decode your child's shorthand in the digital world? Feel like you need to brush up on latest digital apps?

Common Sense Media rates, educates, and advocates for kids, families, and schools.

If you want to learn more about texting lingo or suspicious apps, check out Common Sense's Digital Glossary. For example, an app called **Calculator%** is an app that appears to be just a regular calculator app until you enter your secret code. The user can then access private photos. The app has been reported as being used among teenagers as a way to hide risqué images. Or, the **After School** app which is similar to Yik Yak in its ability to evoke vulgar and explicit anonymous gossip. **After School** was specifically designed with youth in mind. Watch out for sexually explicit and offensive content on the app's message board and keep in mind that the app has been linked to cyber bully.



Another resource for parents is Common Sense's Parent Concerns. This web resource helps educate parents on questions like, "How much screen time is ok?" or "How old should my kid be before I let them use social media?"

Links to the above resources are on Mrs. Rittscher's Guidance tab on the Elgin Eagles website. You can find them under "Guidance - Elementary."

The digital world is exciting and can provide kids will all sorts of resources, but parents need to be mindful and keep informed of their children's digital access and usage. Help your child be a safe digital citizen!

BTW (by the way), GLHF means "Good luck, Have Fun." HAK means "Hugs & Kisses." WYCM means "Will you call me." And, TMRW means "Tomorrow."

From Mrs. Zwingman

From the Resource Room

In a conversation with a teacher from another district, I was informed of an author that had attended her school recently. The author's name was Julia Cook. The teacher shared some of the books that Ms. Cook had written. Therefore, I thought it would be a good idea to pass on the titles of some of these books to others. Here is a list of some of the books written by Julia Cook, along with their topics:

- "My Mom Thinks She's My Volleyball Coach....But She's Not!" - (parents coaching from the sidelines)
- "Baditude" - (coping with a bad attitude)
- "But It's Not My Fault" - (taking responsibility)
- "Cheaters Never Prosper" - (Lying)
- "Decibella" - (voice level- being too loud)
- "I Just Don't Like the Sound of NO!" - (accepting "NO" for an answer)
- "The Judgmental Flower" - (valuing the difference of others)
- "I'm Am a Booger...Treat Me With Respect!" - (health & hygiene)
- "That Rule Doesn't Apply to Me!" - (understanding & following rules)
- "It's Hard to be a VERB!" - (focus/staying on task)

To find more books written by Julia Cook, visit her website, <http://www.juliacookonline.com/>



1st Quarter Honor Roll



All "A" Honor Roll

Hunter Reestman, Lydia Behnk,
Elianne Heilhecker, Paige Nichols



Superior Honor Roll

Colton Wright, Theanna Dunn, Garek Behnk,
Ally Wemhoff, Kira Widger, Zoey Bergman, A.J. Getzfred,
Jaime Hoefler, Nick Iburg, Taya Voborny, Kelsey Welding,
Baylee Wemhoff



Honor Roll

Jeslynn Beckman, Norman Grothe,
Joey Getzfred, Jordan Lindgren, Breanna Carr,
Ervin Dohmen, Anna Heilhecker,
Shelby Dohmen, Liam Heithoff,
Myranda Palmer, Kenny Bush, Geoffrey Carr,
Katelyn Copeland, Austin Dohmen,
Adam Dreger (not pictured)

JMC Parent Access



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

www.elgineagles.org

Click on JMC Student Information System under
"Quick Links" and enter the Student or Parent login
& password. If you have questions, please call the
school.

*For the most up-to-date information, please check our website:
www.elgineagles.org*

Administratively Speaking . . .

By Dan Polk
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The colors of fall will soon be in full force and winter is never far behind. Changes in effective schools are continuous, and Elgin Public is no different. The new parking lot to the east of the gym building, the new oil on the parking lot to the west, new steps and concrete in various places as well as a lowered ceiling on the first floor of the high school are just some of the physical improvements to campus. It's very important to cherish and take care of what you have regarding facilities for liability reasons as well as taxpayer reasons. If you don't take care of what you have and keep a campus that is visibly pleasing and professional looking, people don't have pride in it and it deteriorates to a point where only a bond issue can take care of all the problems. The board of education has been great in not letting that happen and in improving upon the campus when and where it can. This year academically we have added a 3D printer that Mr. Coakes has taken over learning and operating for the district, continued expanded use of the drone and Mrs. Heithoff has taken the lead to learn and have control operation for our new over-sized color printer. All are both state of the art and give our staff and students the opportunity to work with devices many other students in other districts cannot.

Elgin Public continues to do VERY well on the state assessments and "measuring sticks" that the politicians use to determine good schools. While meeting some of those requirements with all the testing, reporting and tracking, can be cumbersome at best, it does help us keep in focus that the reason for the public schools is not all about activities, sports, appearances etc. but rather the education of every child that chooses to walk through our doors regardless of circumstance. With that in mind we are very proud of the work we do and the accomplishments of our students and will continue to focus on the teaching to, and learning of children as our number one responsibility. If you ever have any questions or concerns regarding operations of the Elgin Public Schools feel free to pick up the phone and give us call.

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