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DATES TO REMEMBER



Nov. 11
Veteran's
Day
Program
11:00 a.m.
EPS Gym



Nov. 11
School Board
Meeting in
EPS
Lunchroom



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



Nov. 25, 26,
27
NO
SCHOOL

Free Meals Extended!



The USDA has decided to extend the summer foods program through the end of the school year!. This means that ALL students at Elgin Public School will receive free meals (breakfast and lunch) beginning retroactively to August 13th (the first day of school) and continuing on until the last day of school in May.

Second helpings or extra milk are not free. If a student receives seconds or extra milks, those will be charged to your family account.

Children need healthy meals to learn so this is great news and we hope that ALL students will take advantage of this opportunity to receive a free breakfast and a free lunch each day.



*Check our website for the most current news
and calendar:*

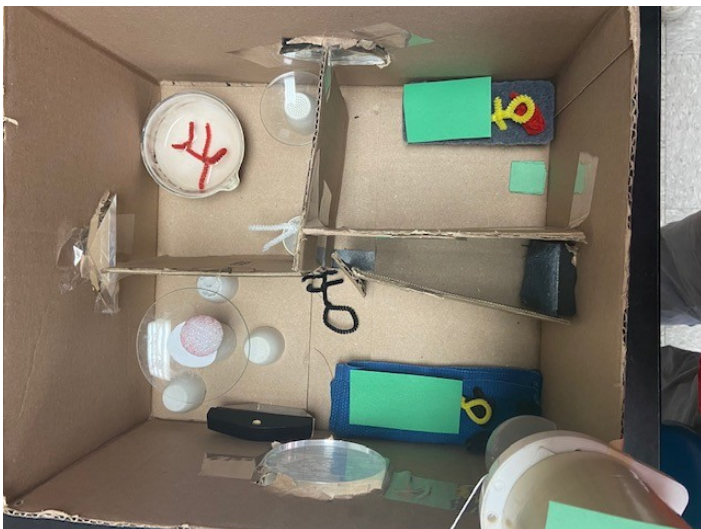
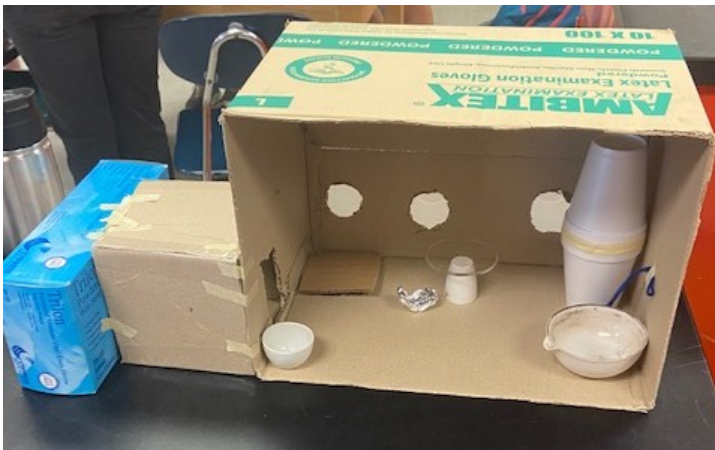
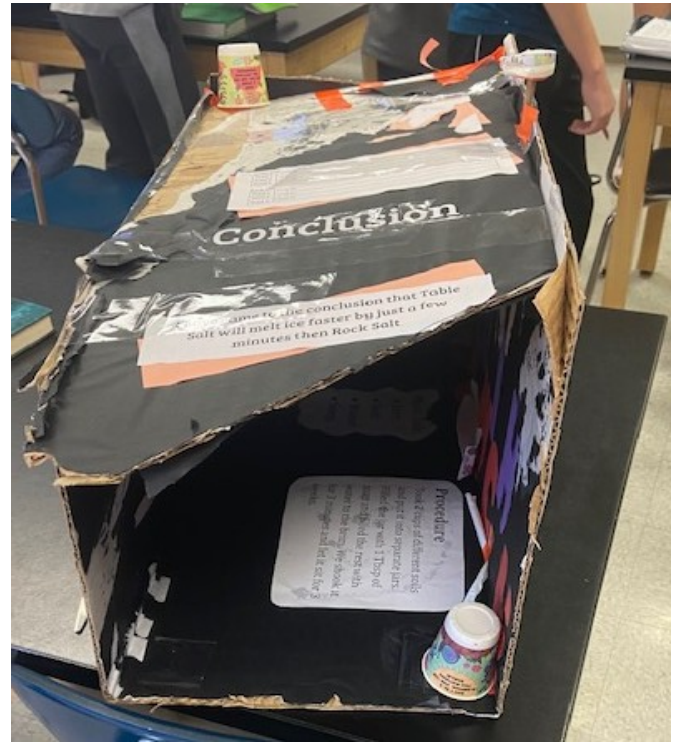
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Moon Huts

From Mr. Childers



The 8th graders made some "moon houses" for science 8. The students were tasked with thinking about what humans need on a daily basis. Then, they designed and built moon habitats/huts that would meet the needs of humans on the moon. An oxygen supply, water supply, and an airlock were needed in the designs.



It's More Than Math

From Mrs. D. Heithoff

Students in Mrs. Heithoff's math classes have not only been working on their math skills but also working on improving their vocabulary and reading skills. Approximately every other week the students are given short passages related to math to read. They then answer six questions about what they have read. The six questions are about the main idea of the passage, subject matter, supporting details, conclusion, clarifying devices, and vocabulary in context. After the questions are graded, the students then record their results so that they can track their progress.

By repeated practice with answering the questions the students work towards developing an active searching attitude about what they read. This thinking-while-reading can help set the stage for higher comprehension and better retention.

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.

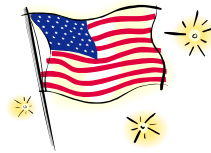


Smile..It's Contagious!

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.



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM SET

NOVEMBER 11, 2020

11:00 A.M.

EPS GYMNASIUM

Please join us for the Veterans Day program to be held in our gymnasium. Be sure to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

If you can't join us, it will be livestreamed on Pope John Striv TV
<https://striv.tv/channel/pjcc/>

What a great day to honor our veterans!

From Mrs. Thiele-Blecher

Some at-home reading tips include:

- » **Read something every day.** Reading together for at least 20 minutes every day can help your child become a strong reader.
- » **Have children lead their own story time.** When children read aloud, they are better able to learn sounds that letters make and sound out new words. Encourage them to practice reading aloud by having them host story time for your family pet or their favorite stuffed animal.
- » **Ask a teacher or librarian to help choose the right books.** Make sure the books your child is reading match their interests and are at just the right level—not too hard and not too easy.
- » **Visit the library often.** Many libraries host family events such as story time, book clubs, and author meet-and-greets, and provide resources.
- » **Find reading opportunities in everyday activities.** Reading is involved in many of your daily routines—you just might not realize it! Encourage your child to read street and store signs, directions on the GPS, or recipes while making dinner.
- » **Have your child write.** Writing grocery lists, flashcards, or letters to family members and friends helps children connect spoken words to written words.
- » **Pick a word of the day.** Select a common word, such as "open" or "juice," and make it your family's word of the day. Have each member look for it when they're out and about, reading, or watching television, and then have everyone share where they saw the word throughout the day.
- » **Use refrigerator magnets to practice spelling.** Spelling and reading go hand-in-hand. Stick a set of alphabet magnets to your fridge and have your child spell out words.
- » **Be a reading role model.** Children often copy the things they see the adults around them doing. Take time to read for yourself each day, and talk to your child about your favorite books, authors, and stories.

Be so Happy that when others see you they become Happy too!

Math Class



Math classes have been going well, and students have transitioned into the second quarter. I have two dual credit classes this semester, College Algebra through Wayne State College, and Calculus I through Northeast College. The students in these classes have been working well so far.

The computer science principles class is getting serious, as we have finally begun to do some coding. The first assignment was a collaborative one, and in the photo, you can see Corbin and William sharing data via a Google document projected on a third monitor for easier viewing and conversation. Also, since they are supposed to be taking turns doing the typing, a second keyboard is available so the students don't have to share a keyboard.

Interesting fact: A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second!

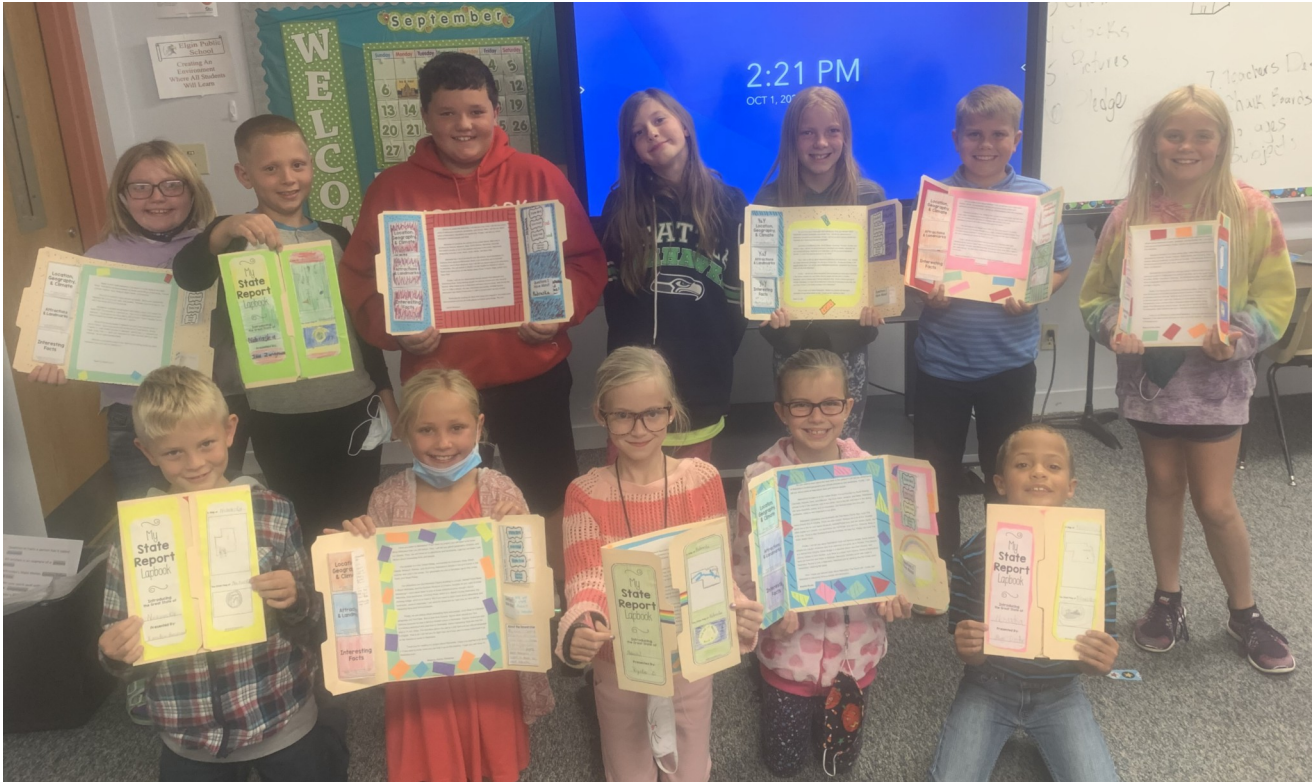
Homecoming 2020



Another successful Homecoming week was held with games and activities. The week was capped off with a wonderful all school Pep Rally. GO PACK!

Nebraska Studies

From Mr. Ostransky



4th graders have been busy making Nebraska folder packets that present the great state of Nebraska. They included some of our state symbols, famous Nebraskans, and topped off with a final writing piece!

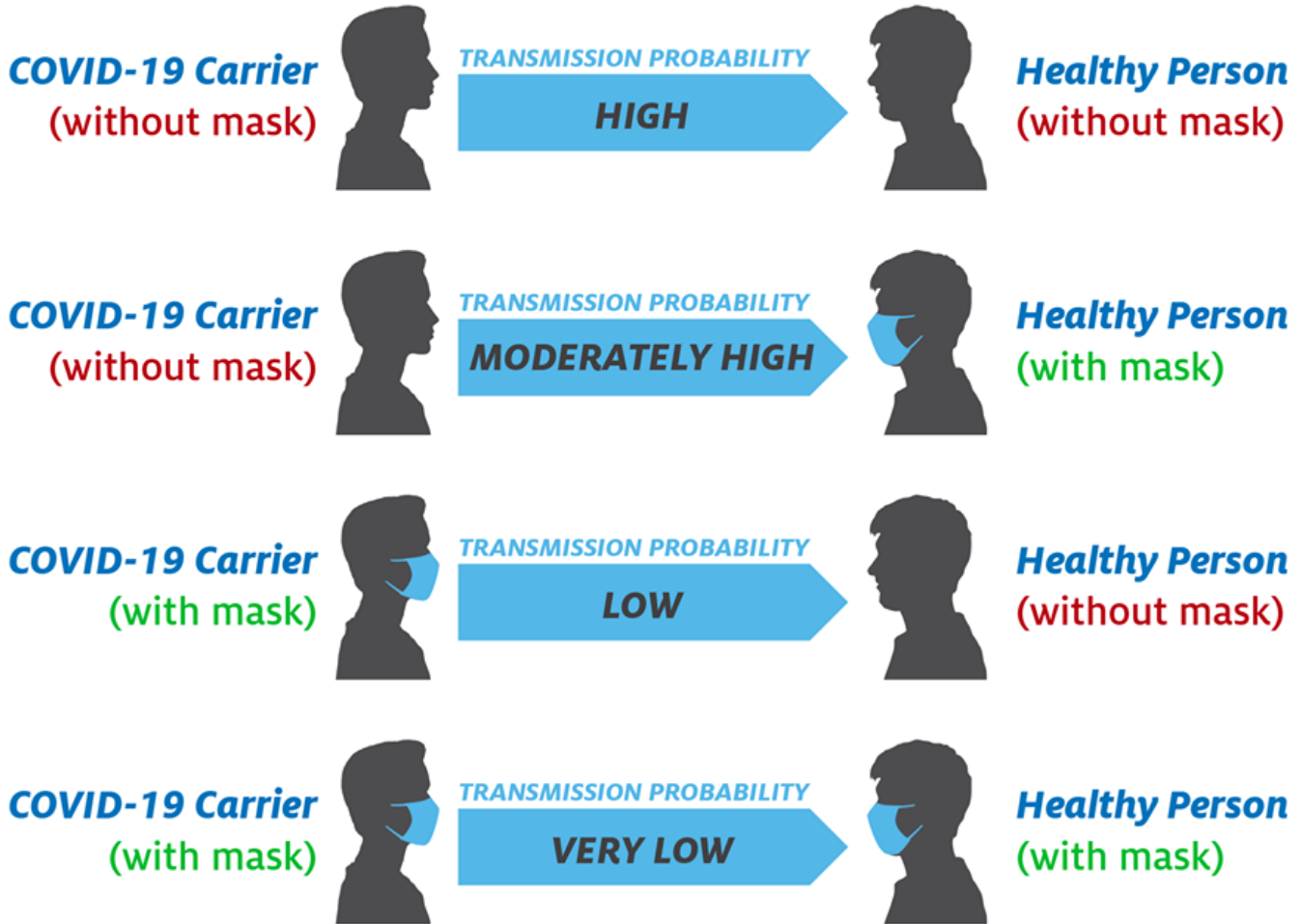
Who's up for Beach Volleyball?

From Mr. Becker



Third Graders enjoy a game of beach ball volleyball during PE class.

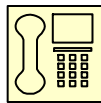
WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS



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!

Update Your Contact Info



Please take a moment to update your contact information on JMC. You'll be glad that you did!

Snow cancellations are not that far away and we don't want you to miss important weather related messages!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

From Mrs. Rittscher

October is National Bully Prevention Month. Elgin Public School wants all students to feel safe at school.

At EPS, the students practice bully prevention each year using Committee for Children's Second Step Bully Prevention Curriculum. The curriculum presents age-appropriate scenarios via videos for students to practice recognizing bullying, reporting to a trusted adult, refusing bullying, and bystander power.

What can parents do to help prevent bullying? Committee for Children provides resources for parents such as articles & blog, videos with discussions to help parents talk to their children about what to do if their child is being bullied, what to do if their child witnesses someone being bullied, and the importance of bystander power. The Committee for Children also has a podcast called The Grow Kinder Podcast. Another recommended podcast is The Imagine Neighborhood Podcast. Both podcasts address topics that help foster empathy, respect, and compassion.

Articles & Blog:

<https://www.cfchildren.org/blog/category/bullying-prevention+parenting/>

Videos:

<https://www.cfchildren.org/resources/bullying-prevention-information/>

Podcasts:

<https://www.cfchildren.org/podcasts/>

<https://www.imagineneighborhood.org/>

The Committee for Children also has a list of recommended books to read that I have posted on the Elgin Eagle's School Website on the School Counselor "Eagle Watch" page.

On this same webpage I've also included a link for a list of movies entitled 100 Movies for Kids 5-to-17 that Teach 9 Crucial Empathy Habits. This list is compiled and address the habits that Dr. Michele Borba, the author/psychologist, purports in her book, **Unselfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World**. Excellent book! Ask to borrow my copy or better yet, get it for yourself!

Check out Eagle Watch on our school's website elgineagles.org on the School Counselor links! I'll put links to Committee for Children resources listed above as well as the book and movie lists.



EPS Calendar Change!

NO SCHOOL on Wed. November 25th

Enjoy the long Thanksgiving Weekend!



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.

JH Pack Finishes Undefeated Season as Summerland Champions

The EPPJ junior high volleyball team captured another championship Saturday at the Summerland Tournament in Ewing.

In game one, they defeated Summerland B in straight sets: 25-17, 25-8.

Sara Bode led the servers with 5 aces. Chloe Henn, Kate Furstenau and Natalie Burenheide each served up 2. Kaitey Schumacher added 1.

On serve receive, Bode passed up 2 to the setter and Schumacher added 1.

Callie Heithoff dished out 9 set assists, and Furstenau added 1.

At the net, Henn and Bode led the attackers with 4 kills a piece. Camry Kittelson added 3 and Furstenau, 2. Schumacher and Kayton Zwingman each put down 1.

Defensively, Furstenau picked up 6 digs while Bode got a hand on 3. Heithoff added 2, Schumacher and Olivia Klein, 1 each.

In the second game, the team defeated Neligh-Oakdale in two: 25-16, 25-4.

Kittelson led from the serving line with 4 aces. Henn followed with 3. Furstenau added 2, and Heithoff, 1.

Henn passed up 3 to the setter from serve receive. Furstenau, Schumacher and Kittelson each added 1.

Heithoff put up 10 set assists, and Furstenau added 3. Schumacher and Burenheide each had 1 assist as well.

Henn led the attackers with 9 kills. Furstenau and Schumacher each put down 2. Bode, Heithoff and Zwingman added 1 a piece. Burenheide recorded 1 ace block, while Furstenau defended well with 8 digs. Bode picked up 3, while Henn and Burenheide contributed to the effort with 2 each. Schumacher added 1 as well.

In the championship game, the Pack defeated Summerland A in two sets: 25-21, 26-24.

Kittelson served up 2 aces, while Zwingman, Schumacher and Bode added 1 a piece.

Henn led from serve receive with 6 good passes. Bode passed up 4. Furstenau and Kittelson each sent 2 the setters' way, and Heithoff and Schumacher passed up 1 a piece.

Heithoff fed the attackers with 13 assists, and Furstenau put up 6. Schumacher and Kittelson each dished out 1.

Henn led the attack at the net with 14 kills. Kittelson put down 4. Heithoff, Schumacher and Furstenau were good for 2 each. Bode added 1.

Furstenau covered the floor well with 18 digs on defense. Bode picked up 5 and Heithoff, 4. Henn and Kittelson got a hand on 2 each.

The EPPJ coaches had words of praise for the team.

"We couldn't be prouder of this bunch of girls. They played tough against a very scrappy Summerland team in the championship. Even though they were down for much of the game, they never gave up. It was fun to watch them battle. They are truly team players."

The Summerland Tournament marked the conclusion of a successful season for the junior high Pack.



Summerland Tournament Champs! BR: Manager Gentry Zwingman, Olivia Klein, Natalie Burenheide, Chloe Henn, Sara Bode, Callie Heithoff, Manager Kinley Druke. FR: Eliza Borer, Kaitey Schumacher, Kate Furstenau, Camry Kittelson, Kayton Zwingman.

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



1st Quarter All "A" Honor Roll



Pictured are back row (l to r) Baylee Busteded, Keyera Eisenhauer, Sara Bode, Callie Heithoff, and Samantha Durre. Front row (l to r) Jaidyn Schrad, Ethan Hinkle, Jarek Erickson, and William Heilhecker.

1st Quarter Superior Honor Roll



Pictured are back row (l to r) Trey Rittscher, Quinn Tolomei, Taylor Beckman, Kristopher Moreno. Middle row (l to r) Emma Kinney, Austin Hinkle, Sonni Suhr, Kayton Zwingman, Kate Furstenau, Kyndal Busteded. Front row (l to r) Creighton Harkins, Jack Wemhoff, Austin Good, Joey Getzfred, Corbin Kinney, and Colton Wright. Not pictured - Chloe Henn

1st Quarter Honor Roll



Pictured are back row (l to r) Halle Lueking, Theanna Dunn, Kaeden Schwarting, Blake Henn, Isabella Smidt, and Grace Mace. Front row (l to r) Jordan Lindgren, Trissa Russell, Brenna Martinsen, Lauren Vitamvas, and Nick Anderson.

Administratively Speaking . . .

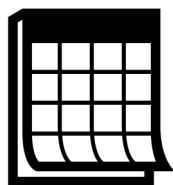
By Mike Brockhaus
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The seasons are changing, the warm weather is turning colder and soon the winter season will be upon us...but before that, let's discuss what is currently happening and has happened in the last few weeks since the October Newsletter was written:

At the time of this writing, the Wolfpack Football team is gearing up for the playoffs vs BDS and the Wolfpack Volleyball team is getting ready for the Third Place game of the NVC Tournament. The Volleyball team will then be getting ready for their post-season tournament as well. It is definitely an exciting time of year for these players and coaches. The First Quarter of the school year has also come and gone and we conducted in-person Parent-Teacher Conferences at Elgin Public Schools, which were attended very well by the families of our students.

With the winter season fast approaching, discussions are being held at the state level with various groups on how the sports seasons will look and fit with the current DHM's that are in place. When Elgin Public Schools has the information concerning the winter seasons, we will pass that along to the community so that everyone is aware of the expectations. Along with the winter season comes the winter weather and Elgin Public Schools wants to remind everyone to be cautious on the roads when traveling to and from school and activities. We also want to remind everyone that it is important to stay healthy as we will be dealing with the Covid-19 virus and the regular flu at the same time. We have been doing a good job dealing with the virus in our schools and need to continue to work at it in order to keep our students in the buildings and the activities going. Keep up the good work and let's all continue to get 1% better each day!!



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