



# EAGLE UPDATE

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## DATES TO REMEMBER



Oct. 4  
Homecoming  
Coronation  
7:00 p.m.



Oct. 5  
Harvest of  
Harmony Parade



Oct. 9  
School Board Mtg.  
7:30 p.m. in ITV  
room



Oct. 17  
End of 1st Quarter



Oct. 18  
NO SCHOOL



Oct. 28  
NVC VB Tourney  
begins

## Hats Off to Stetson!



*Fourth Graders showing off their cowboy hats are: Front row (l. to r.) Kali Dworak, Jessica Getzfred, Jeslynn Beckman, and Riley Vitamvas Back row (l. to r.): Jace Cameron, Norman Grothe, Donovan Grace, and Colton Wright*

The fourth graders have been reading the story, Boss of the Plains, by Laurie Carlson. With this story they learned the story of John B. Stetson who came up with the idea for the cowboy hat. The class got to wear their cowboy hats to school while they watched youtube videos on the old way of making hats and how the Stetson factory makes hats today. To go along with the cowboy theme, they enjoyed trail mix and beef jerky during the videos.

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# Shakespeare on the Playground: Juniors Bring New Life to Classic Tale of Woe

by Mrs. Shoe



Ethan Fischer (above) and Tanner Welding (below) perform the balcony scene from *Romeo & Juliet*.

**Romeo:** "I vow my love on the good taste of cheese."

**Juliet:** NO! Do not vow your love on cheese, for it goes bad and stinks.

**Romeo:** Okay TTYL!

**Juliet:** You hang up.

**Romeo:** No, you hang up!

**Juliet:** No . . . yoooouuuuu hang up.

When studying everyone's favorite Shakespearean classic, *Romeo and Juliet*, students often have one complaint: The language.

As a result, this year's juniors translated the popular tragedy into a lingo all their own--one they could understand and connect with.

Upon finishing their revised screenplays, the students performed them for the rest of the class, and even a few admiring spectators from the rooms on the top floor.

Some costuming, humorous lines, and a pint-sized jungle gym balcony made for an entertaining way to learn about what was really going on during the famous balcony scene.

Thanks juniors for your accurate translations and for not being afraid to be silly.

*The people who influence you are  
people who believe in you.*

~Henry Drummond

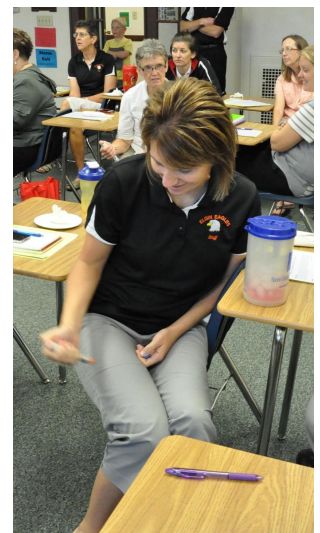


Thank you to all who supported EPS magazine sales this year. Your magazine purchases help fund many of our class activities. Thank you for your contributions!

## *Faculty Inservice*

The EHS faculty reviewed their training in the use of the AED and asthma and allergy protocol. School nurse Gwen Kinney instructed the staff where and how to use the AEDs and how to administer an epipen for someone suffering an allergic reaction.

The faculty were able to view the AED and practice using the epipen. They were also instructed where all of the emergency kits were stored and designation of teachers as first responders.



*Mrs. Eisenhower practices proper epipen procedures.*



### **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.

# COMPLETE SUMMER ACTIVITIES



*Second graders Blake Henn, Nicolas Anderson, Keyera Eisenhauer, Dane Kilday, and first graders Sonni Dishman, Jaidyn Schrad, Sara Bode, Landon Kallhoff, and Chloe Henn completed a packet of reading and writing activities this summer. Their reward will be a trip to the movies with their teachers.*



*Enjoying a 3-D movie were: Jamie Dozler, Riley Vitamvas, Jeslynn Beckman, Jackson Wemhoff, and William Heilhecker.*

## Books, Bingo and a Movie!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders had an opportunity to read over the summer and complete a bingo chart to keep track of their minutes. Some of the fun reading opportunities were to read in your pajamas, under a tree, while wearing a hat, to a stuffed animal, or on a beach towel or blanket to name a few. Any students who earned a bingo or a blackout were treated to a night at the movies.

Six students turned in bingos or blackouts for the movie night: Jamie Dozler, William Heilhecker, Camryn Pelster, Jackson Wemhoff, Jeslynn Beckman, and Riley Vitamvas. Mrs. Borer and Mrs. Eisenhauer treated them to the movie "Planes 3-D" in Albion. It was a great time with popcorn, candy, and some stylish 3-D glasses! Way to go 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders! Keep on reading!

## ¿Cómo se dice vocabulary, verbs and culture?

Vocabulary is the name of the game in the Spanish classroom. Students are discovering that it is the basis of language, and every level is working hard at learning some new words and phrases. Spanish 1 has completed their first unit on classroom phrases, basic greetings and farewells, weather, time and numbers. Spanish 2 is moving into the world of travel, discovering how much knowing Spanish will help them when they decide to take a trip to Spain or Latin America someday. Spanish 3 and 4 are both concentrating on extracurricular activities, especially outdoor sports.

Along with vocabulary, grammar is a necessity, and you just KNOW the kids love studying verbs! I'm having a good time watching the 'light bulbs' go on over their head when they grasp a new concept. We are working very hard with verb conjugation in Spanish 2, 3 and 4. Spanish 1 will get their first experience with it this week.

Finally, you really cannot properly learn a second language without experiencing and investigating the culture of that language. While I am out on maternity leave, my students will be working on several cultural projects, ranging from reading a novel to creating a dancing calaca (skeleton) for the Mexican holiday el Día de los Muertos.

It has been a great start to the year, and I am so excited to see how much we can accomplish!

## YEARBOOK ADS



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.

## A New Face in Title



*Mrs. Jo Wemhoff*

Mrs. Jo Wemhoff has been hired as a new para-professional at Elgin Public School. She will have many different duties throughout the day including transporting students, recess and lunch duty, but also helping with the Reading Mastery Program and assisting students in the School-Wide Title program.

Mrs. Wemhoff's background with working with younger students is going to be a great asset in our Title program. She will be working one-on-one or with small groups of students to help them reach their academic goals.

We are happy to have her working with our team at Elgin Public School.



# MARCHING EAGLES

The Elgin High School Marching Band is competing in two parade's this year, and we would love for you to come and show your support!

The Lion's Club Parade is on September 28th in Norfolk, which starts at 10:00am. We will also be marching in the Harvest of Harmony Parade in Grand Island on October 5th. Further information on starting times and locations will be posted under the band portion of the EPS website.

Eric Heithoff- EPS Music Director

*Kindness costs nothing.*

## 5th Grade iPads



Jasmine Dozler taking a quiz on her iPad.

This year the 5th graders will also be able to take all of their AR quizzes and vocabulary quizzes on their iPad's. Students are excited for this new adventure this year in 5th grade. Speaking of AR this year the 5th graders will be doing what is called Book It!! Through Book It the students will have the opportunity to earn Reading Award Certificates by meeting monthly reading goals set by their teacher. This program will start in October and go through March. Stay tuned for more details.

## 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE What is a Positeer?



After reading the book, Energy Bus, to the 6<sup>th</sup> graders, it became evident that POSITIVE ENERGY is a prerequisite for being the best we can be. Consequently, the class chose-----

“The NINE POSITEERS” (spin off of “The Three Musketeers”) as their team name for the 2013/14 school year.

So look out here we come!

### 10 RULES FOR THE RIDE OF YOUR LIFE

1. You're the driver of your bus.
2. Desire, vision, and focus move your bus in the right direction.
3. Fuel your ride with “POSITIVE ENERGY”.
4. Invite people on your bus and share your vision for the road ahead.
5. Don't waste your energy on those who don't get on your bus.
6. Post a sign that says “NO ENERGY VAMPIRES ALLOWED” on your bus.
7. Enthusiasm attracts more passengers and energizes them during the ride.
8. Love your passengers.
9. Drive with purpose.
10. HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE RIDE.

*Give respect to  
get respect.*



## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Just a reminder that we are still collecting Box Tops For Education. That money is used for misc. items in the elementary and field trip fees. Please keep saving those Box Tops and send them to school with your student or drop them off in the office. Thanks for your help!

Check out their website <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> to sign up your e-mail and receive great coupons and savings for products that have the box tops on them. Plus you can sign up daily for sweepstakes to win more money for the school.

# Mr. Prater's Fireside Chats



*Shown participating in Mr. Prater's Fireside Chat are (l. to r.) Jordan Dietz, Bailey Carpenter, Ivy Prater, Steph Bode, Hunter Thramer, Abby Couch, Hannah Kerkman, and Travis Grosserode.*

The students at EHS in Social Studies have been very busy these past few weeks. They have been working very hard on their studies and on some pretty fun projects! American History has studied the effects and shortfalls of the Articles of Confederation up to the Civil War. Also they did an experiment of how our class room would conduct daily business if it worked like the federal government from the Articles of Confederation. The Sociology seniors have traveled thousands of miles (not literally) to discover how different cultures conduct daily life. They also found recipes from each of their cultures that they prepared for class! Another activity that was just finished was the ninth grade geography songs. The ninth graders used geography terms and ideas to create songs. Some of the terms used dealt with plate tectonics, internal forces in the earth, external forces, land forms, and more. Another activity that each class has participated in is Mr. Prater's Fireside chats! It is a spinoff of President Franklyn Roosevelt's early nineteen hundreds radio show, however our chats are a little bit different. We hold our fireside chats about every other week and share thoughts of encouragement, stories of trials and tribulations, complements, and current events. Fireside chats are used to create comradery, promote interpersonal skills, and create more positive energy for all. This school year has started off very fast in Social Studies but is going very well! I am so glad to be back in Elgin and teaching some great young people!

Wes Prater  
7-12 Social Studies

## Business Dept. News



The business department is off to a great start. Finance students are learning about budgeting and saving. The Computer Applications students are refining their skills in Microsoft Word.

Accounting students are learning how to analyze and journalize transactions. Lastly, the keyboarding kids are reviewing home row. Going into the future, I hope to continue the torrid pace of learning in the business department. I see a great year ahead!

**GO EAGLES! GO WOLFPACK!**

Eric Mlinar  
Business Education

## Study Tip from the Resource Room



Are you feeling overwhelmed because you missed school or have gotten behind? Remember you probably are not the only student that this has ever happened to.

To overcome this obstacle, you need to prioritize. First, make a list of all of your classes and the assignments that you have due for each. Then, start simply writing numbers by each assignment in the order by which you want to accomplish them. After you have completed each assignment, simply cross it off.

Hopefully the overwhelming feeling will begin to disappear and you will feel a sense of accomplishment after seeing what you are crossing off of your list.

# Wonderful World of Water

Twelve Students attended Wonderful World of Water on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Wonderful World of Waters was held at Gilman Park in Pierce, NE. This program which is sponsored by several Natural Resource Districts in the area, is a hands on learning experience that stresses the protection of natural resources ranging from water quality to wildlife. The goal of the program is to increase the appreciation for and the awareness of the importance of water as a valuable resource. Student from Elgin Public School were excited to attend I learn many things from the program.



There were two teams competing in this event. The sophomore team consisted of six students that took a more biological track. They studied Habitat and Wildlife learning about the local watershed, types of wetland habitats and

associated wildlife. Next they learned about the water in the body and how it helps with digestion, absorption and transportation. They also got to learn about the soil and aquatic insects.

The freshmen team took a different track that was more based on Chemistry. They got to learn about the chemistry of Ground water, the power of water, and how wet our planet is. Other activities for them included tree identification and learning about wetlands. The six freshmen received first place for track. They were given a series of questions after each station asking questions from the presentation just given and then to conclude the completion, they played a game of Water Wheel of Fortune. With a score of 136, the freshmen took home the prize of a T-shirt.

To conclude the day, each team made a water rocket out of a two liter bottle. They shot them off in the park. The sophomores had the second farthest rocket. The rocket landed in the lake and was not retrievable. Overall the day was a lot of fun. We stopped at dairy queen on the ride back home to celebrate the first place finish. If you know someone that attended ask them to tell you what they learned. Hopefully they will convince younger students to go in the future.



*Attending from Elgin Public were: top l. to r. Eli Heilhecker, Katelyn Copeland, Zoey Bergman, Taya Voborny, A.J. Getzfred. Bottom row: Mrs. Dolezal, Tiarra Thramer, Morgan Carpenter, Stevey Hatch, Taven Cameron, Destiny Francis, and Dylan Widger.*

## 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.



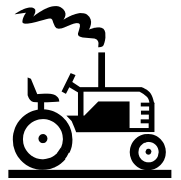
Celebrating 125 years of faith, family and friends.

# Farm Safety Week



Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> the Preschoolers and Kindergartners attended a Farm Safety Day Program. Under the direction of Ag teacher Mrs. Julia Schwartz, her students had various stations set up and the children rotated through the stations watching demonstrations and learning many things about farm safety. They were able to see lots of machinery and equipment used on the farm.

Pictured here are the Preschool and Kindergarten students with one of the tractors that they also had an opportunity to climb up into and



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## Junior High Math and Finance

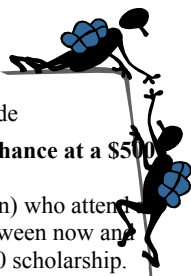


Junior High Finance students are looking forward to owning cars. They have each selected a car that they would like to own and are exploring the costs of driving a vehicle. Although many of them are pretty sure that someone else is going to be footing the bill they are learning that owning a car is not free. I believe that many of them are seeing just how unreasonable some of their dream cars are and have selected more reasonable cars.

Seventh grade math students are currently learning how to combine fractions and decimals through addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. There are a lot of rules to remember when to use them. All of this is going on while the eighth grade students are making the same discoveries combining the exponents of numbers with like bases.

## Counselor's Corner

by Mrs. Barb Bode



### Attend a Financial Aid Program – and earn a chance at a \$500 scholarship!

High school juniors and seniors (or parent/guardian) who attend EducationQuest Financial Aid Program (FAP) between now and January 31, 2014 will have a chance to earn a \$500 scholarship.

Watch for more details and plan to attend [an upcoming FAP in your area!](#)

### Seniors...have you visited your top colleges?

If you haven't done so already, visit your top colleges *soon* to narrow your choices. Application deadlines will start hitting later this fall. Follow these tips for a successful visit:

- ◆ **Contact the admissions office at least two weeks in advance** to schedule your visit. Make appointments with an admissions representative, financial aid counselor, and a faculty member in the area of study that interests you.
- ◆ **Check out the college website before your visit.** Most college sites have a section for prospective students where you can learn about the admissions process, types of majors, student services, and employment opportunities. You might even be able to schedule your campus visit online.
- ◆ **Visit while school is in session.** You won't get the true flavor during breaks or finals week.
- ◆ **Ask LOTS of questions.** See this [Go.Visit.College! handout](#) for good questions to ask.
- ◆ **Winning the scholarship game**
- ◆ Follow these tips to increase your chances of earning scholarships:
- ◆ **Don't pay for scholarship searches!** Use free search sites including [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#) where you'll find over 2,000 state and local awards. Scholarship resources are also available at your local library and at EducationQuest offices in Kearney, Lincoln and Omaha.
- ◆ **Visit your guidance office weekly** for information about local scholarships.
- ◆ **Get organized.** Place scholarship applications in deadline order and prioritize each award. Local and college-specific scholarships deserve top priority because you're more likely to earn them.
- ◆ **Continually update your activities, honors and volunteer or paid jobs** using the [Activities Resume](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).
- ◆ **Earn the best possible ACT/SAT scores** by taking the exams in the spring of your junior year and again in the fall of your senior year.
- ◆ **Use quality references** such as a teacher, coach or counselor. Encourage them to write specific examples of your leadership skills. Give them advance notice and a specific deadline.
- ◆ **Pay close attention to grammar and spelling.** Ask at least two people to proofread your application.

### October "To Do" List

#### Juniors and Seniors:

\_\_\_ Attend the [College Fair](#) or [Educational Planning Program](#) in your area.

\_\_\_ [Sign up for Countdown2College](#) for to receive monthly college planning tips.

#### Seniors:

\_\_\_ Schedule campus visits.

\_\_\_ Narrow your college choices and be aware of application deadlines and criteria.

\_\_\_ [Register](#) by September 27 for the October 26 ACT.

\_\_\_ [Register](#) by October 3 for the November 2 SAT.

# Child Development Class Begins

"The worst feature of a new baby is its mother's singing."  
~Kin Hubbar.



Singing, or talking, is one of many activities you should do with your child. The nine Senior girls in Child Development are learning about what the parents should do to help their child grow, as well as what goes on in their child's brain. We started off learning about why the childhood years are so important and why you need to study children.

By studying young kids, you can gain many skills, understand yourself, as well as helping you build for your future. Learning about the child's brain and how it develops was a major contributor to our lesson. For example, the environment they grow up in and what their heredity is like can determine how a child will end up in life. Then we moved on to fetal and pregnancy development. During the first three months of a baby's life, they only weigh less than an ounce and are less than 3 inches long in size. We did an activity with tear apart licorice and cut it into the different sizes to show how a baby grows while developing. It was amazing to see that even during the first month, the internal organs and the circulatory systems start to form and the heart begins to beat. We have much more to learn and are excited to see how babies grow up.

By Allison Koenig

"Everyone and everything around you is your teacher."

- Ken Keyes, Jr.

## FFA NEWS



The annual FFA trap shoot was held last Sunday, September 8th at the Neligh Shooting Range. Winning the Jr. Division was Chad Bode, Jon Meis won the Sr. Division and Rick Fangman won the Open Division. Thanks to everyone who attended this year and a special thanks to Duane Childers and Rick Fangman for arranging and running the event!

The FFA officers were invited to attend Central Valley Ag's open house event held in Royal on September 5th. The officers helped with games, registration and served food to those attending. Afterwards they took a tour of the facilities.

Eight members of the Elgin FFA Chapter made and submitted range boards to the State Fair over Labor Day Weekend in Grand Island. Mallory Fangman, Corin Pelster, Brett Kinney, Justin Funk, Jon Meis, and Travis Grosserode received purple ribbons and Tanner Welding and Bailey Carpenter received blue ribbons.



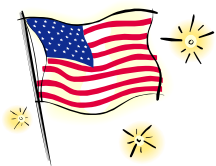
**F**rom the desk of the Superintendent . . .

By Dan Polk  
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## *Welcome to the Eagle's Nest*

In case you haven't been by the east side of the high school lately the gray tin building has been removed. It is now an area for kids, teachers, public and others to gather, have class, enjoy and socialize at appropriate times. The funds used were NOT tax dollars but rather provided by past class accounts not spent, rebate money from companies, and a donation from the Elgin Public Alumni Association. We hope the school and the public enjoys the area for many years to come!



## VETERANS DAY PROGRAM SET

NOVEMBER 11, 2013

9:00 A.M.

EPS GYMNASIUM

(Note time change due to NVC Choral Clinic on that day)

**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!**



## **Is there money in your lunch account?**

You should maintain a positive balance throughout the school year. Let's help to keep our costs of postage down by paying in advance for meals. Thank you!

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rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Greg Wemhoff  
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## Nebraska Performance Accountability System

Elgin Public once again has taken part in the Nebraska Performance Accountability System, NePAS for short. NePAS is the result of a Federal requirement of State governments to provide additional accountability on local school districts. Basically what the system does is ranks school districts on three areas and three grade configurations. 1) STATUS, district rankings based on state test results (NeSA) in reading, writing, math and science 2) IMPROVEMENT, which ranks districts on the level of improvement in reading and math, based on the scores of students in the same grade year to year (different students) 3) GROWTH, district rankings based on the reading and math scores of the same students this year compared to last year. NePAS ranks districts by elementary (grades 3-5), middle school (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12).

As a district it is our goal is to ensure that students gain the skills and knowledge to function as creative, discerning, and productive members of a global society. In order to do this we must be responsive to the data NePAS provides us while balancing our desire to produce the type of people that are creative discerning, and productive members of a global society since data does not always reflect common sense solid values and character. Please make sure that you look at your local papers and next month's newsletter for this year's results. I think you'll be proud of the student's performance and their improvements. Congratulations to the teachers and students for their hard work to improve Elgin Public's NePAS scores.

### Homecoming 2013 Activities

The week will kick off on Monday with JH/C/JV Volleyball against Humphrey/Lindsay beginning at 3:30 pm. Tuesday the VB team will be on the road for a triangular at Osmond starting at 5:30. On Thursday there will be a Varsity volleyball triangular at Elgin High, first serve at 5:30. Elgin Public Homecoming Coronation will be held at 7:00 Friday night in the EPS gym, to be followed by Powder Puff football activities starting around 8:15. On Friday there will be a pep rally will be held at 2:30 on the football field, please note the location change. The culmination of the activities will be the Wolfpack playing host to Niobrara-Verdigre on the gridiron Saturday with kickoff at 7:00 pm.

Dress up day/Food days  
Monday-When I Grow Up . . ./Candy  
Tuesday-Duck Dynasty/Cookies  
Wednesday-Prom Gone Wrong/Chips  
Thursday-Neon Day/Choice of Snack  
Friday-Spirit Day/Red & Black/Sports Drinks

A series of class competitions in addition to the poster contest will be held during lunch each day.

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