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DATES TO REMEMBER

 October 11
School Board Meeting
7:30 pm in the ITV Room

 October 13
Donuts with Dad
7:30 am

 October 13
FFA
Feed the Farmer
Lunch at CVA Lumber
11:00-1:00

 October 19
End of First
Quarter

 October 20
NO SCHOOL

 October 25
FCCLA District
Leadership
Conference

DONUTS FOR DADS

Friday, October 13th, 2017
at 7:30 AM

Please join us in the gymnasium for juice, milk, donuts
and some reading before school.

**** If dad cannot attend you can find a substitute ****



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From Mr. Eisenhauer



Here is this years 6th grade class, ready for a great year!

From Mrs. Eisenhauer

BE A HERO!

The 3rd graders have a super hero theme in the classroom this year. They have been working on how to be a **HERO** in school. Being a **HERO** means you are **H**elpful, **E**ngaged (participating in class), **R**espectful, and **O**n task in classes. If a hero practices all of these traits, they will be successful in school! Keep your eye out for heroes at school and commend them on a job well done!



From Mrs. Cooper



FCCLA Off to a Great Start!

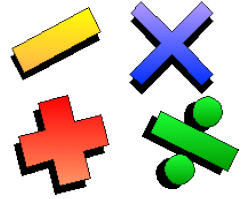
On September 10th, FCCLA members worked the lunch stand at the 5th Annual Elgin Show and Shine. FCCLA members served burgers, chips, and bars to those who attended the car show. Current FCCLA members are Kaylee Martinsen, Lydia Behnk, Myranda Palmer, Araceli Palmer, Talena Woodard, Mary Nichols, Leslie Nichols, Kira Widger, Shelby Dohmen, Wyatt Renner, and Cory Romej. This year the FCCLA sponsor is Miss Cooper.

From Mrs. Thiele-Blecher



The Wolfpack Volleyball team came home with 3 wins at the Howells-Dodge Tournament on Saturday, September 9th. They beat Howells-Dodge 2-0, Shelby-Rising City 2-1, and Elkhorn Valley 2-0!

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Five Reasons You Should Study Math

According to The Complete University Guide here are five reasons to study math.

1. Humanity needs Math

Just look around. Some of civilization's most prized and proud achievements are wholly reliant on mathematics. Planes flying seamlessly through the air, high availability of complex medicines, even the computer you are using now: all of these increasingly vital commodities rely on the use and study of numbers. If you are to stop and think for just a few minutes it becomes inescapably clear that mathematics is pretty well inseparable from life as we know it.

2. Potential for Joint courses

Mathematics is a reasonably neutral subject and so it is easily combined with other courses. Joint Honors like [Mathematics & History](#), [Mathematics & English](#), [Mathematics & Spanish](#) or [Mathematics & Music](#) are but a few of the increasingly broad range of Mathematics based courses available. This rich selection of study areas shows that a Mathematics degree does not have to be purely numerical, but can involve the arts to offer literary, musical or scientific nourishment.

3. Graduate Prospects

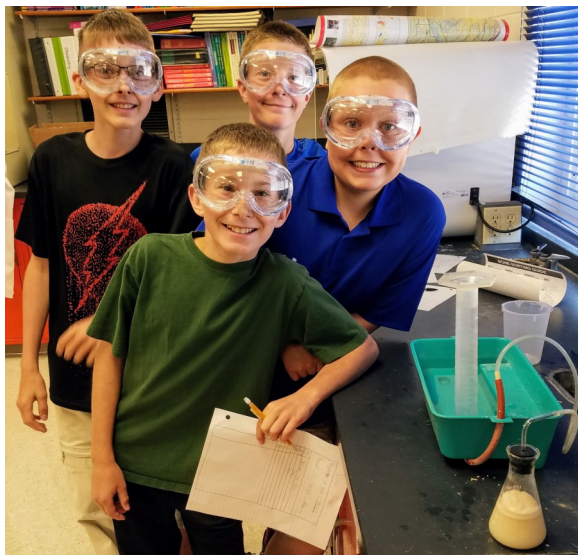
The high level of employability is strengthened by the fact that careers involving math are typically permanent, in that numbers in whichever form they take are going to be around forever, and so money, computing and many other mathematical fields are reasonably safe career paths.

4. Transferable skills

A mathematician's skill set is not exhausted once they move out of the realm of the numerical. The facets of a student which are developed during a Mathematics degree are easily extrapolated to other situations and areas. For example, rational and logical thought is something which is required in many areas, whether it is in a moral or career capacity. Furthermore the high level of cognition required to comprehend complex mathematical theories and rules is an asset which will benefit an individual in many ways.

5. Salary advantage

On our [Graduate salary table](#), mathematics falls in 12th place with \$32,000 the average starting salary, well above average. As a main motive for many students to study certain subjects, the potential pay is a definite bonus factor with mathematics, helped by the versatile nature of the skills involved.



Bubbling Along in Science

The 7th graders performed their first experiment of the year this month. While practicing science inquiry, students setup and measured the amount of carbon dioxide gas produced by various amounts of sugar and yeast. While they didn't get the results that were predicted, they did a wonderful job practicing the scientific method.

From Mrs. Cooper



1st Grade Patriot Day Celebration

On September 11th, the first graders learned about heroes and Patriot's Day. The first graders made red, white, and blue ribbons to remember all the heroes involved with Patriot's Day.

From Mr. Becker



Junior High working up a sweat in PE!

From Mrs. Drucke

Online Encyclopedia Resource Available Online

Through the ESU, our students have access to an online encyclopedia, called Worldbook Online. It is a powerful research tool that is set up much like the encyclopedias of the past but with the added benefits of technology. It offers up-to-date information, links to other reliable resources, videos, pictures, interactive timelines, and even a tool to cite the source. The texts are leveled into three categories, so students of all grade levels can benefit from this resource. The website is worldbookonline.com. To access this information at home, please contact Mrs. Drueke (kerri.drueke@elgineagles.org) for the username and password.



From Mr. Mlinar



Accounting students are ready to learn on "What the Heck Are You Wearing? Wednesday"



**VETERANS DAY
PROGRAM SET
NOVEMBER 10, 2017 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!

From Mrs. Rittscher



2017-2018 ACT Test Dates

Seniors will want to get signed up for ACT in Fall/Winter of 2017 if they are wanting to try to improve composite scores, especially for scholarship applications that really start in Spring 2018.

Juniors are welcome to take ACT, but will be required to take them Spring 2018 as part of Nebraska Statewide Testing. Register at <http://act.org>

Test Date:	Oct 28	Dec 9	Feb 10	Apr 14	June 9	July 14
Registration:	Sep 22	Nov 3	Jan 12	Mar 9	May 4	June 15
Late Registration:	Sep 23-Oct	Nov 4-17	Jan 13-19	Mar 10-23	May 5-18	June 16-22
Photo Upload:	Oct 20	Dec 1	Feb 2	Apr 6	June 1	July 6

It will take @ 45 minutes to register.

You'll need Elgin Public's school code: 280740.

You must pay with a credit card, or if you are eligible for free or reduced lunches, see Mrs. Rittscher for a waiver.

Registration online via laptop or computer is preferred.

You'll need to upload a photo of yourself during registration of later.

REMEMBER your log in and password!

ACT Prep - On to College

There are a lot of ACT prep materials, some which are free, available at

www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html.

Another good free resource, especially for Math & Science, is KhanAcademy.org.

Elgin Public School also subscribes to On to College (formerly John Baylor Prep). Juniors and seniors have access to this prep material at school and at home, meaning that students can access videos and practice tests online any time!

It is advised that seniors who have taken the ACT already study their ACT High School Report and utilize test prep materials especially for low-scoring parts of the test.

From Mrs. Schumake-Henn

EPS Celebrates Homecoming with Fun-Filled Week

EPS kicked off Homecoming spirit week on Monday September 11. Grades Pre-K through 12 were encouraged to dress up according to each day's theme. Some of the days included Career Day, Retro Day, What-Are-You-Wearing Wednesday, Twin Day, and Super Hero Day, among others. On Friday, students donned their red, black and white for everyone's favorite: Spirit Day.

Throughout the week, students in grades 9-12 competed in the annual Clash of the Classes. Points were awarded daily for dress up percentages, best class reps, and winners of the Lunchtime "Throw Downs."

They also scored points for their involvement in the sidewalk chalk decorating contest, poster contest and, finally, the class cheer at the pep rally.

After a week of spirited competition, the Senior class emerged as the Clash of the Classes Champions. As a reward, they will receive a lunchtime pizza party at a date of their choosing.

The week culminated with the football game vs. Clearwater-Orchard, a pizza party, and the annual homecoming dance in the EPS gym.

Great job, EPS students and staff! You make us proud!



Second Grade Paragraphs

Our school year is off to a busy start with nine active second graders. In language arts we are writing paragraphs. We have written five paragraphs and are making sure our sentences have a subject, a predicate, begin with a capital, and have an ending mark.

Our paragraphs start with a topic sentence, have several detail sentences and end with a closing sentence. All the paragraphs they have written started with the same topic sentence. These are a few of the paragraphs we have written. I will be sharing more writings with you throughout the school year.

Cylus Braband

Taylor got a new shirt. He had a monster truck on it. It was soft. He wore it to bed. He loved that shirt.

Zaiden Smith

Dogs are good pets. You take them for walks. They sleep with me. You can play fetch with them. Dogs are fun to play with.

Evin Pelster

Summer is fun. I like to ride bulls. I like to ride horses. I like to go swimming. I like to watch TV. I like to go camping. These are the things I like to do in the summer.

Riker Suhr

The children went to the park last Saturday. They played football. The football got stuck in the tree. They played tag. They had fun at the park.

Vivienne Miller

Basketball is a fun sport. You can play with your friends. You can ask your friends if they want to play basketball. You try to get the most points. You dribble the ball. I like basketball.



Homecoming Career Day

One of the dress up days for Homecoming week was Career Day. Some of the fifth graders showed off what they wanted to be when they grow up.

Back row: Taylor (coach), Austin (builder), Lauren (hair stylist), Sara (farmer), and Riddick (inventor)

Front row: Chloe, Callie, Jaidyn (all veterinarians), and Emma (doctor)

FFA Dates to Remember for October:

Chapter FFA meeting - 6:30pm

Old West Regional Range Contest, Cherry County Oct 11th and 12th

FFA Feed the Farmer Lunch, CVA Lumber Yard Shop - Oct 13th Serving from 11am to 1pm



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!

Together We Transform Lives
TEAMMATES
 MENTORING

Elgin Public Schools Establishes a TeamMates Mentoring Program Chapter.



Elgin will join communities across Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Wyoming in an effort to provide mentors for youth in grades three through twelve. "We are very excited to launch TeamMates Mentoring in the Elgin. The strong school and community support is evident from the work being done locally to establish the TeamMates program." Stated Sue Kennedy, TeamMates Regional Coordinator, who facilitated a local board training on Thursday, August 24th, 2017.

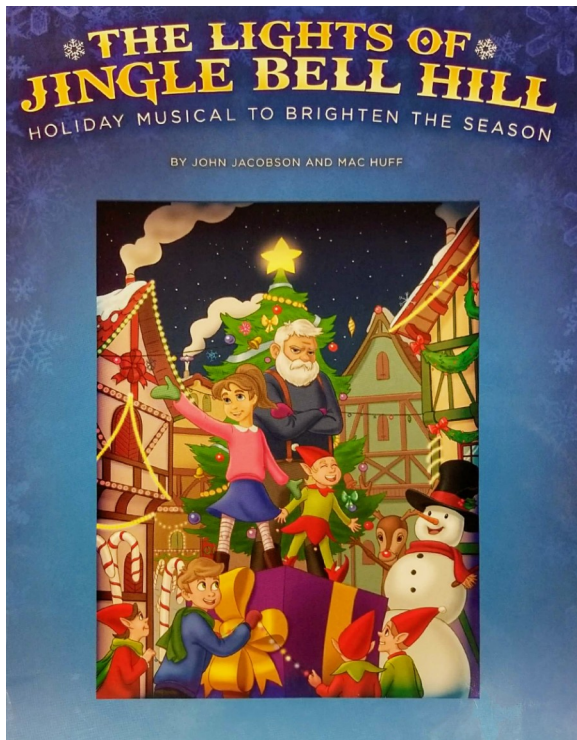
The TeamMates of Elgin program will begin mentoring students in the 4th through 6th grades who attend Elgin Public Schools and have established a goal of 30 matches for the 2017-2018 school year.

To find out more about how to be a mentor for TeamMates of Elgin contact (Krista Eisenhauer or Sonia Rittscher 843-2455) or go to www.teammates.org.

The TeamMates Mentoring Program was founded in 1991 by Tom and Nancy Osborne to provide support and encouragement to youth. In this school-based mentoring program, mentors come to the school one visit per week, during the school year, and meet with a student. Mentors can play games, talk, work on projects, etc. TeamMates Mentors provide a sense of hope and vision to young people, with a mission to help them reach their full potential. Today, through TeamMates, approximately, 8000 youth are being mentored one visit per week at their local school by adult volunteers.

From Mr. Heithoff

From Mr. Ostransky



Grades 2-6 are already hard at work on our musical for this semester: The Lights of Jingle Bell Hill!



It was Career Day for Spirit Week on Thursday. There is a lot of bright futures in the 4th grade!

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F rom the desk of the Superintendent . . .

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 football field improvements have been a great addition to this year's campus as well as the new playground equipment, oil parking lot to the north of the gym building, finishing of the interior of the shop and revamping of the varsity locker rooms. The campus is looking wonderful and very inviting. Our staff members continue to work hard and do their best on behalf of your children and others. I am very proud of and confident in our entire staff.

Sometimes we receive distance learning classes and other classes from other schools and even send out classes to other schools. This year we are even sending students to Northeast community college on Fridays to do lab work for classes that the college offers. The students enroll and work on the classes during the week and then spend "Fridays at Northeast"—that's the name of the program, working in labs. This opens up a whole new vocational world to any students that wish to participate

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 by 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.

From Mrs. Wemhoff



School Spirit is alive in the Class of 2030

The Kindergarten class enjoyed Homecoming dress up days to show their school spirit! Pictured is the Kindergarten class on pajama day. front row Victoria Evans, Aurora Burke, Tenley Schindler, Cael Bottorf, Braxtyn Eisenhauer, Garrett Busteed, and Dominic Durre. Back row Devin Frisbie, Kristopher Polston, Xander Richardson, Cara Romej, Rylee Rokahr, Levi Scheer, and Brayden Clark.

From Mrs. Zwingman

Study Tips from the Resource Room

Assignment Book

The easiest way to stay organized is to make sure assignments are getting written down during each class period during the day. Then, after study hall, or at the end of the day, highlighting what needs to be done for homework offers a specific guide of what to do that evening. It is also nice if parents can monitor the assignment books to see if the highlighted assignments are getting completed.

From Mrs. Klein

One Act Practices Have Begun

The One Act team has begun practice! This year we will be performing *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*, by Don Zolidis. Two narrators (Lydia Behnk and Hayes Miller) will attempt to tell all 209 Grimm fairy tales, by combining them into one huge story. If our first practice is any indication, this is going to be one hilarious play! We will be competing in Verdigre for the NVC competition on November 14th. The community performance is November 26th at 7pm.

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rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Greg Wemhoff
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The year off and running! We are now a little over a month into the school year and things are going well. On August 16th students arrived and we began our journey through the 2017-2018 school year. Since then students and teachers have been diligently working on all their classes. I have been very proud of the effort of the students and teachers to this point. The new staff is fitting in great and they are doing an outstanding job and I hope the new students are feeling at home here at EPS. We have had several important dates and activities occurring during the last month. An important week took place the week of September 11th. It was Homecoming week! We held many festivities typically associated with Homecoming; Coronation of this year's King and Queen took place on Wednesday night September 13th at the EPS gymnasium. Congrats to Queen Lydia Behke and King Hayes Miller. Well deserved.

Parent Teacher Conferences were held September 19th and once again we had a great turn-out. Thank you parents for taking time out your busy schedule to attend our Parent Teacher Conferences this year. With a lot of new faces and I enjoyed the opportunity to visit with the parents of our new students and talking a little bit about how their children are doing.

October 19th marks the end of the first quarter, no school on October 20th and teacher will have an in-service on that day. On November 10th at 11:00 we will be hosting our annual Veteran's Day Program, I hope to see many of you attend and show your appreciation for the sacrifices our veterans have made for us.

GO EAGLES!!

From Mrs. Lindgren

Mathematics can be a complicated subject, especially when there are so many ways to approach it. However, this variety of approaches can also be a blessing, because among all of the different ways to attack a mathematical problem, every student can find at least one way that they can understand best.

In my math classes, we are solving problems using graphing, tables, written language, diagrams, mathematical expressions and equations, and sometimes even physical movement to represent and analyze a problem. Some students understand a verbal or written description, while others prefer to see pictures. For these, and other representations, the key is to keep exposing the students the different approaches so they can learn which method they like the best!

In geometry, we are working on deductive reasoning, which uses formulas, definitions, and foundational ideas to build our knowledge base and to solve problems. We use a lot of skills learned in algebra class to figure out the solutions.

Mr. Wemhoff has chosen GRIT as the theme for the year at Elgin Public. I found a great quote that represents the way students need to approach mathematics (and life!).

Give it your all
Redo if necessary
Ignore giving up
Take time to do it right



HOME COMING FUN!

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