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DATES TO REMEMBER



October 10
Homecoming
Coronation
7:00 pm



October 10
School Board
Meeting
7:45 pm in the ITV
Room



October 12
Donuts with Dad
7:30 am



October 18
End of 1st Quarter



October 19
NO SCHOOL



Picking Apples for Applesauce

From Mrs. McClellan and Mrs. Wemhoff



On September 14th, kindergarteners and first graders went on an apple picking adventure! Next week, they plan to make homemade applesauce as they discuss Johnny Appleseed! His birthday is on September 26th!

*Check our website for the most current news
and calendar:
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From Mrs. R. Heithoff

Art Students Looking For Donations

The Art students are looking for old record albums to paint on. If anyone has any to donate, we would appreciate it. We can also use old CDs or DVDs for this project.

And if you eat Pringles we could use some lids. We have plenty of cans, we just need lids now.

Thank you!

- Mrs. R. Heithoff and the high school Art students.



From Mrs. Stearns

Global Handwashing Day

Global Handwashing Day occurs on October 15th of each year.

Washing hands prevents illnesses and spread of infections to others. Handwashing with soap removes germs from hands. This helps prevent infections because germs can get into the body through the eyes, nose and mouth and make us sick.



STOP GERMS! WASH YOUR HANDS!

From Mrs. Eisenahuer

Wash Those Hands!

Nurse Stearns visited 3rd grade this last month. We learned how important handwashing is along with the proper way to cough or sneeze. We did a fun experiment with pepper, water, and dish soap which taught us that using soap is a must to get rid of germs!



From Mr. Childers



212 Degrees...Maybe

The Integrated Science class is conducting experiments to see if adding different substances to water will effect it's boiling temperature.

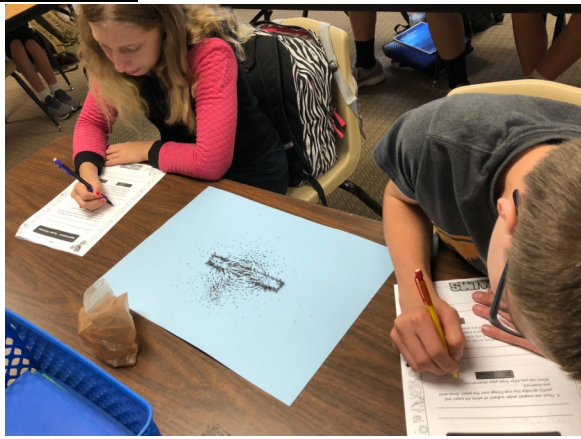
From Mrs. Eisenahuer and Mrs. Beckman



Movie Night

Congratulations to 3rd graders (Donmetrious, Kaidynce, and Max) and 2nd graders (Braedon, Trey, Sophia, Kynlee, and Jael) for their excellent reading efforts during the summer! They were awarded with a movie night and snacks by their teachers at school.

From Mrs. Druke



Junior High Science Classes

Whether students are in seventh or eighth grade, our goal for science is still the same. This year, our goal is to enable students to apply the knowledge they have or use critical thinking skills to find their own answers. This means implementing as many stations or hands on activities as possible. While this is a step away from a traditional classroom, they are still held accountable to study and use their resources. The students still have resources such as their textbook and notes. The majority of our learning materials, however, can be found on Google Classroom, an online tool where teachers can post materials and assignments, yet students can respond and add their findings. It is our hope that our junior high students thrive in a classroom where there is a balance between hands on, traditional, and digital learning.

From Mrs. Lindgren

Cyber Patriots

Have you heard of CyberPatriots? It is the National Youth Cyber Education Program created by the Air Force Association (AFA) to inspire K-12 students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future.

This year, my computer science class is going to be competing in their National Youth Cyber Defense Competition. The training round, scheduled from September 6 to October 4, is our opportunity to find out what the competition rounds will be like. We will be committing some of our class time to training for the competition.

The practice round begins on October 10th, and gives the students another chance to hone their skills and test their knowledge of cyber security.

If you are curious about what they will be training on, feel free to visit the homepage: <http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/home>

From Mrs. McClellan



FCCLA Thank You!

FCCLA members and Mrs. McClellan would like to thank everyone who supported them by eating at their lunch stand on Sunday, September 9th. FCCLA members served 200 burgers to patrons attending the car show and treasures in the park! FCCLA members this year are Leslie Nichols, Mary Nichols, Kira Widger, Aubrie Braband, Araceli Palmer, Cory Romej, River Romej, Kaylee Martinsen, Blake Ofe, and Talena Woodard (not pictured).

From Mr. Heithoff



Choral Leadership Day

High school members of the EPS choir attended a Choral Leadership Day at Norfolk High on September 5th. Choir members participated in many activities designed to make them better leaders, and heard presentations by Dr. Fritz Mountford of Hastings College, Mr. David Sackshevsky from Grand Island Northwest High School, Dr. Neal Schnoor from UNK, and Mr. Paul Gustvig from Wisconsin. We all learned a ton, and are looking forward to attending again next year!

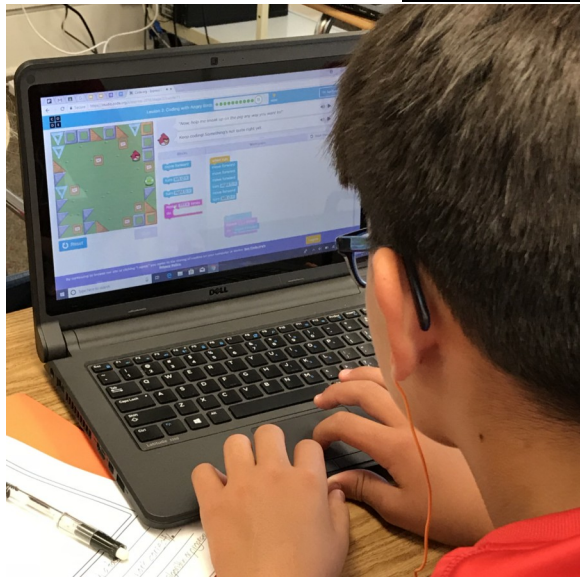


From Mr. Eisenhauer



6th Grade attended the farm safety and petting zoo day hosted by the FFA and Ag classes at EPS.

From Mrs. D. Heithoff



Junior High Coding

There is a new class available to junior high students at EPS this year. Foundations of Computing introduces students to the world of computer programming through Code.org. According to Code.org, "students learn to create computer programs that will help them learn to collaborate with others, develop problem-solving skills, and persist through difficult tasks. They will study programming concepts, computational thinking, digital citizenship, and develop interactive games or stories they can share. The course teaches the concepts of programming using drag and drop blocks rather than a programming language. Blocks are an easier way to introduce the process of coding and many top universities begin their classes with block based programming."


DONUTS FOR DADS



Friday, October 12th, 2018
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 ****



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM SET
NOVEMBER 12, 2018 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 Mr. Ostransky



4th Grade enjoyed the petting zoo and farm safety day as well!

Elgin AgEd/FFA Students and Members Host Farm and Livestock Safety Day

Harvest is in full swing in much of the area now. At this time we see a dramatic increase in the number of large machines around the area. The Elgin FFA chapter officers wanted to provide an opportunity for the young members of the community to learn about the importance of being safe around machinery, livestock and other types of dangerous equipment that could be found on a farm or at anyone's home for that matter. On September 13th all elementary classes from both St. Boniface and Elgin Public went through various stations where they listened to AgEd students and FFA members discuss the dangerous of home and farm equipment, large machinery, livestock and chemicals. It was a great opportunity for the young to see up close how someone can be extremely hurt by power take off's, augurs, lawnmowers, 4-wheelers, as well as where to be when around large machinery so the driver can always see you. The students also were given the chance to discuss safety around livestock, including how to behave and respond when around cattle, horses, sheep and goats. Another station gave the students a lesson on chemical safety. All students were sent home with a danger/poison stick to put on one bottle that contains a chemical in their home. The highlight for most of the students' day was having the opportunity to hold a bunny and a chicken.



Many members of the community contributed to make this event possible. We would like to thank the following; Lauren Seier (goats), Lynn Selting (calves & chickens), Kaylee Martinsen (Rabbit & Chickens), Alyssa Burenheide (weed eater), Cordell Waterbury (lawn mower, 4-wheeler, side-by-side), Garet Schindler (combine), Mike Zegers (panels), Trent Bauer (tractor and mower), and Tyler Iburg (tractor and grain auger). One more group to thank is all the high school AgEd students and FFA members that led stations. Most of them were put on the spot and had their first experience talking to a large group. They all did great!



It is certainly our hope that these young children take home the message they learned from that day and mention to their parents, uncles, aunts, grandparents, and friends to remember to be safe not only during harvest season but every day. AgEd and FFA members and students want to remind everyone to be patient and use caution when working with machinery and equipment, especially if little ones are present.

From Mr. Mlinar

Google Vs. Microsoft



Google is considered the "king" of search. Recently, Google might have just conquered the land of education. In many states, schools have joined the Google revolution. Google Apps for Education (GAPE) is a core suite of communication and collaboration applications that allow students to work from any device on documents and projects. Once a school registered email address is registered with Google Apps for Education, teachers and students can unlock Google's apps with one login.

With the advance of Google in to the education arena, business teachers now face a conundrum. Should I teach Google Apps or Microsoft Office? To understand this problem, let's compare the Google and Microsoft products.

Google Docs competes with Microsoft Word
Google Sheets competes with Microsoft Excel
Google Slides competes with Microsoft PowerPoint
Google Mail competes with Microsoft Outlook
and the list goes on...

As you can see, both companies have competing products. Business teachers realize that most firms still use Microsoft Office instead of Google Apps. However, in the school setting, Google Apps is more commonly used. How have I decided to tackle the problem? I teach both! At Elgin Public, 7th graders learn how to use Google Apps, while the Freshmen master Microsoft Office. Sometimes, kings must share the land!

From Mrs. Thiele-Blecher

Age	Wake-up time						
	6:00 AM	6:15 AM	6:30 AM	6:45 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	7:30 AM
	Sleeping time						
5	6:45 PM	7:00 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM
6	7:00 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM
7	7:15 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM
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12	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	9:00 PM	9:15 PM	9:30 PM	9:45 PM

Are our children getting enough sleep to be the best students they can be?



Is there money in your lunch account?

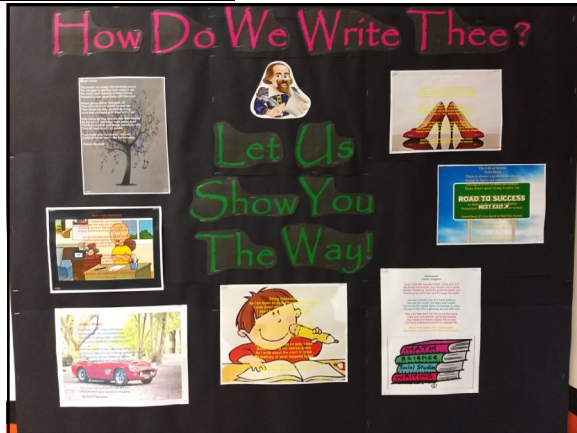
You should maintain a positive balance throughout the school year. Let's help to keep our costs of postage down by paying in advance for meals. Thank you!

From Mrs. Klein

Spanish Colors

The elementary Spanish classes have been focusing on learning their color words! We have done many activities to make learning fun, and have even used Gummy Bears to help! We have also read books like Oso Pardo, Oso Pardo ¿Qué Ves Ahí? and María Had a Little Llama. Soon we will be learning about the Mexican holiday "El Día de los Muertos."

From Mrs. Schumake-Henn

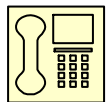


Shall I Compare Thee to Shakespeare?

The juniors have been busy demonstrating their poetic genius. As a part of the *Romeo and Juliet* unit, these aspiring bards each penned an original sonnet. Their masterpieces can be found on the bulletin board outside Mrs. Shoe's room.

From Mrs. Zwingman

*"Energy and persistence
conquer all things."
- Benjamin Franklin*



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!

From Mrs. Schumake-Henn



Journalism Class Is Back

W-EPS is back in action. The staff recently produced a Back-To-School video, as well as their "Meet-the-Staff" promo video. You can catch both on our W-EPS: The Beak Youtube channel. You can also view them on Twitter @WEPSTheBeak. Stay tuned for more fun and more news from the crew!

From Mr. Becker



Fitness Relays

Junior High have been competing in fitness relays during PE this month. Here is a picture of Brian and David working hard to finish first!

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most current news
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From the desk of the Superintendent . . .

By Dan Polk
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Along with door locks and fencing, new security was added in Mr. Wemhoff's office and my office. We've repurposed some T.V.s we had on campus to be our live camera views. So now not only can we look on the DVR for issues, we also have real time coverage access as well.



From Mrs. Borer



From Mrs. Rittscher

Four Critical Tasks This Fall for College-Bound Seniors!

1. Apply to college.
2. Attend Senior/Parent Financial Planning for College Night on October 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the ITV room in High School.
3. Create an FSA ID. Before completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a student (and a parent if the student is considered dependent) must create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID at fsaid.ed.gov. The FSA ID is needed to access and sign the FAFSA. This handout provides instructions.
4. Complete the 2019-20 FAFSA at fafsa.gov on or after October 1 to apply for federal, state, and college-based financial aid.

Ponca Outdoor Expo

The fifth graders went on a field trip to Ponca State Park on Friday, September 14. It was a perfect day to be outdoors. They participated in 4 sessions: Nature Photography, 3D Archery, (CSI) Critter Scene Investigation, and A Hike in the Woods. Pictured are Trey and Creighton investigating a critter scene. What happened? The skunk ate the duck eggs!

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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 15th students arrived and we began our journey through the 2018-2019 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. We have one new staff member Mr. Childers. He is fitting in great and doing an outstanding job. We also have some new students this year. I hope the new students are feeling at home here at EPS. It's a great place to be.

We have several important dates and activities occurring during this time of the year. Parent Teacher Conferences were held September 18th. 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. The first of our MAP testing was completed the week of the 10th. MAP tests are standardized test to help us assess how our students and school is performing relative to other schools across the country. The MAP program takes the students fall score and grade level and tells us how much our students have improved from the fall to late winter. It is a great tool for our teachers and students to see areas the students need to improve on and areas that the students are doing well at.

Now for a look ahead at some important school related dates coming up for the rest of the semester. An important week coming up is the week of October 8th, its Homecoming week! We will be holding many festivities typically associate with Homecoming. Coronation of this year's King and Queen will be announced on Wednesday night October 10th at the EPS gymnasium; 7:00 sharp. Dad's don't forget that on Friday the 12th of October we will be hosting Donuts with Dads at 7:30 AM. This is a great event for Dads and the students. October 18^h marks the end of the first quarter, and no school on October 19th as teachers will have an in-service on that day. On November 12th 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. Shumake-Henn



This year's W-EPS: The Beak staff members include the following:
Back: Mateo Kirstine, Anna Heilhecker, Hunter Reestman, Kira Widger, Garet Behnk
Front: Grace Rittscher, Cory Romej, Olivia Lindgren, Mary Nichols.



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