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DATES TO REMEMBER

 Sept. 10
LifeTouch School
Pictures

Elgin Public Schools Believes in Me!



 Sept. 11
School Board Mtg.
in ITV Room

 Sept. 17
Early Dismissal
1:00 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conf.
3:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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

THIRD GRADERS

The 2013-2014 third grade class is off to a great start! We spent the first days of school learning class rules, making time capsules, and getting back into school day routines. The third graders were proud to show off their new t-shirts provided by Pepsi money earned by the school!

Check out our website: www.elgineagles.org





MAGAZINE SALES

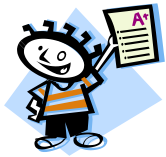
Aug. 22 thru Sept. 10

Buy or renew your magazine subscriptions now!

Each high school class will be selling magazines as a fundraiser for their class.

Please contact a high-school student or the school about ordering magazines!

Thank you for your support.



SCHOOLMASTER PASS SYSTEM

Upon enrollment at Elgin Public School, each student is assigned an ID number and PASS PIN. This information is used to access your student's school progress on our Schoolmaster PASS system.

Go to our EPS website:

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and click on Schoolmaster. Type in your student's ID and PIN. Now click on the view you wish to see.

If you have any questions or difficulties, please call or e-mail Paula Jensen in the main office. 843-2455

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.

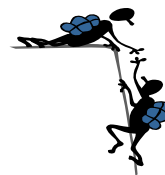
E is for Effort



In the beginning of the year the 5th graders had to decide on a word of the year. This year they decided that their word was going to be EFFORT. They have made the commitment to give 100% effort throughout the whole year. They spelled the word EFFORT out on their new iPads that they will be using throughout the whole year.

Counselor's Corner

by Mrs. Barb Bode



Norfolk Area College Fair is September 22!

The Norfolk Area College Fair is Sunday, September 22 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Northeast Community College. The fair will feature representatives from colleges across the state and region – and will also include financial aid presentations.

Before you attend, visit NebraskaCollegeFairs.org to register for a barcode. Print the barcode and take it to the college fair. College reps will scan it to retrieve your information - and you won't have to complete their information cards.

For a list of participating colleges, see the [College Fair](#) article at EducationQuest.org.

Other college fairs scheduled for this fall are:

Grand Island Area College Fair, Sunday, Sept. 15, 1:00-3:00 pm – Exhibition Building, Fonner Park

Tri-State Area College Fair, Sunday, October 6, 12:30-3:00 pm – Marina Center, South Sioux City

Scottsbluff/Gering Area College Fair, Sunday, October 13, 1:00-3:00 pm – Gering Civic Center

Omaha Area College Fair, Sunday, October 20, 1:00-4:00 pm – University of Nebraska at Omaha

Lincoln Area College Fair, Sunday, October 27, 1:00-3:00 pm – Southeast Community College

Meet with college reps at an Educational Planning Program

If you can't attend a College Fair, attend an [Educational Planning Program \(EPP\) at an area school](#). These “mini college fairs” feature state and regional colleges along with college planning information.

If you plan to attend an EPP, visit NebraskaCollegeFairs.org to register for a barcode. Print the barcode and take it to the event so that college reps can scan it.

Track your activities and awards with the new Activities Resume!

EducationQuest launched major improvements to the [Activities Resume](#) this summer and we think you'll like the changes! The improvements will allow you to:

- * easily create and customize your resume
- * choose from five resume templates
- * save or send your resume as a Word document or PDF

If you currently have an *Activities Resume*, it was saved to the new format.

Log in to [MyEducationQuest](#) to view or build your new resume.

Senior students and parents...start preparing for college admission!

Admission deadlines will start hitting later this fall. Follow these steps to stay on track:

- 1. Contact your top colleges NOW** and ask about application deadlines for admission, college-based scholarships and financial aid.
- 2. Visit with college representatives** at College Fairs, Educational Planning Programs, during campus visits, and when they visit your high school.
- 3. Apply to your top 3-4 colleges before the deadline.** Along with your application, the colleges will require your high school transcript, class rank, GPA and ACT/SAT score. They may also request a list of your extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, an essay, and an interview.

September “To Do” List

Juniors and seniors ... complete these college planning tasks during September:

- ___ Attend a College Fair or Educational Planning Program (EPP) in your area.
- ___ Before you attend a College Fair or EPP, register for a barcode at NebraskaCollegeFairs.org
- ___ Seniors, [register](#) by September 6 for the October 5 SAT.
- ___ Seniors, [register](#) by September 27 for October 26 ACT.
- ___ Juniors, ask your guidance counselor about PSAT registration deadlines and test dates.

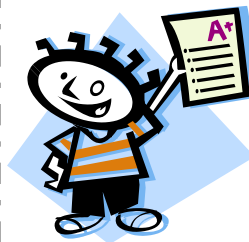


We will again be collecting paper products to be picked up by the GreenFiber Company. The GreenFiber company takes recycled paper and turns it into insulation to be used in homes. There are three green bins located to the North of the Gym Building and products such as newspaper, office paper, phone books, magazines, soft books, mixed paper, cardboard, cereal boxes, and construction paper can be placed into these bins.

The GreenFiber Company will pick up our load every other Wednesday, weigh it, and then pay Elgin Public Schools for their contribution. We encourage anyone to use these bins however, we ask that you do not fill it with cardboard as it takes up too much space and doesn't weigh much.

If you have any questions about the GreenFiber Company you can contact Mrs. Dolezal.

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From the desk of the Superintendent . . .



By Dan Polk
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WELCOME BACK!!! If you noticed that there was a little more activity than normal this summer at the public school, it's not your imagination. Work continues on a new heating system that is being installed, as well as removal of all the radiators and pipes from the old system. There will also be a new heating and cooling system in the gym. The air conditioning is up and running but the heat is a few weeks away yet. Along with that there are several other updates and improvements that went on. Some of the school grounds were re-landscaped and re-seeded, several new storage buildings have gone in, the old grey tin building is gone and there are a lot of behind the scenes projects as well as the regular summer work that has been done.

In addition to the campus and building things the school also now has I-pads for the entire pre-school through elementary grades. The high school started providing a computer for every student in 7-12th grades last year (the majority of computers were already purchased by the district but hadn't been put into a one to one program) and the teachers have had i-pads since January 1 so they can learn and prepare for their utilization. We have a new and more detailed curriculum and new staff is excited and working hard, and so are the veterans. We are looking forward to a GREAT school year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the school or school operations Mr. Polk would invite you to visit with him any time.

SU BYT HAP

In the world of Mathematics students find themselves covered in cute acronyms and phrases in order to remember all those important formulas. Can you remember SOH CAH TOA, for sine, cosine, and tangent? How about Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally, for recalling the order of operations? On the second day of school 17 seventh graders, and 10 eighth graders learned, what I believe is the most important phrase to lead them to a successful life.

SU BYT HAP

No it's not a phrase from an old wise man or a blessing from the medicine man. It is however, the recipe for success.

SU = Show Up

If you don't show up you cannot learn.

BYT = Bring Your Tools

You need to bring everything you need with you; your book, notebook, pencil, AND YOUR PLANNER.

HAP = Have a plan

You will not accomplish anything without a plan. Plan your time so that you are sure your homework is completed.

This simple phrase is not just the recipe for a success as a student but everything in life.



Ask your 7th or 8th grader what SU BYT HAP means, then ask them about the brain surgeon.

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rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Greg Wemhoff
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On behalf of the entire Wemhoff family I would like to thank everyone for welcoming us to the community and school. Since we moved to Elgin in early June we have been overwhelmed with the generosity and kindness of everyone we have met allowing the transition for my family to be smooth and worry free.

For those who I have not met, my name is Greg Wemhoff, the new Principal at Elgin Public. I bring with me my wife, Jo and three children, Baylee who is a freshman, Allyson who is in 7th grade and Jackson who is a 3rd grader. All my kids are excited to be in the Elgin school system and have met many friends already. I personally am excited to begin my new job here at the school. We have a lot of new faces on staff and many familiar faces as many of you know. After meeting all the staff I believe that the students at Elgin Public will be well taken care of by a staff that is caring and willing to help all! If you have any questions or just want to visit feel free to

contact me at the school, I look forward to meeting you all.

*The only person who can limit
your possibilities is you.*
---Jon Gordon

Don't forget - Parent-Teacher Conferences Sept. 17th

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