



# EAGLE UPDATE


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## DATES TO REMEMBER

 September 5  
**NO SCHOOL**  
Labor Day

 September 7  
Lifetouch School  
Pictures

 September 14  
School Board  
Meeting  
ITV Room 7:30

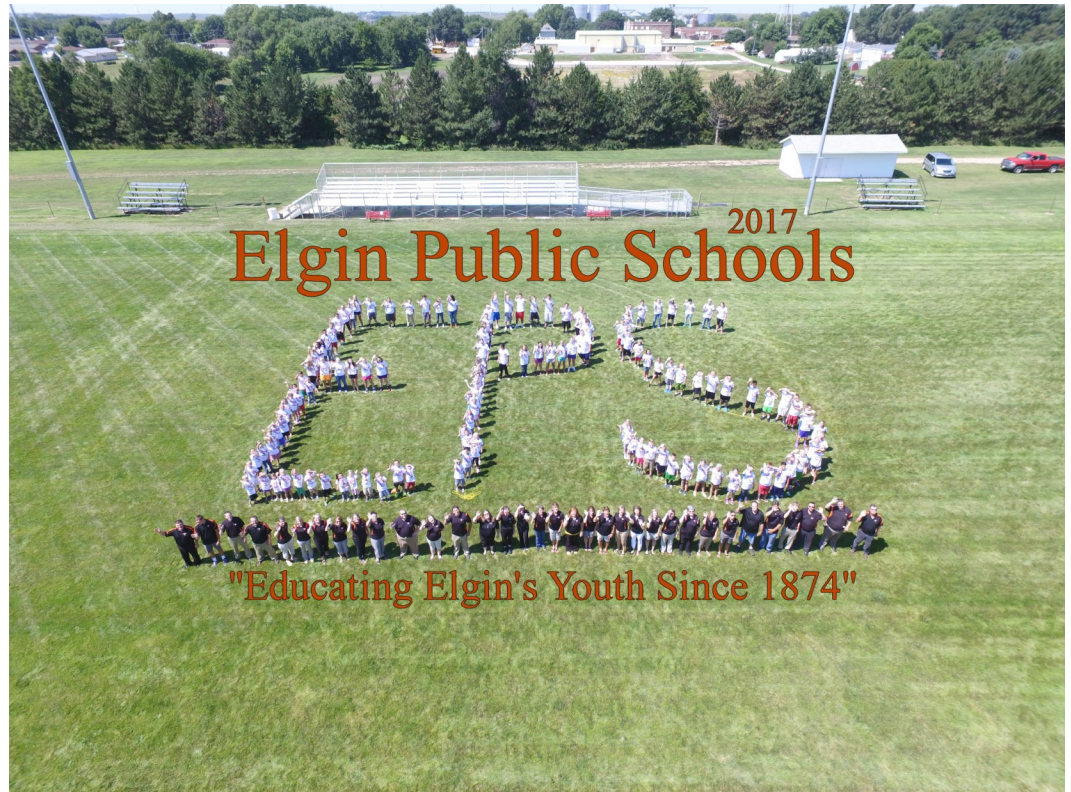
 September 20  
**EARLY OUT 1:00**  
PT Conferences

 September 21  
**LATE START 10:00**

 September 28  
Homecoming  
Coronation

 September 30  
Homecoming

# Starting the School Year Off Right!



Check our website:  
[www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org) for  
the most current news &  
calendar.



# Yearbooks Have Arrived

The 2016 yearbooks have arrived. We did two versions last year. The first is our traditional Elgin Eagle hardcover book. It is a 96 page book with expanded sports coverage (4 pages instead of 2 for most sports) for \$35.

We also created a sports-only Wolfpack book. This book is a soft cover, 40 page yearbook featuring Wolfpack sports, Cheerleading and Dance team and is available for \$20.

Send a check (payable to Elgin Public Schools) to Mrs. Rita Heithoff at school to order one or both yearbooks for your "Lifetime of Memories". You may also order your yearbook online by logging onto <http://www.entourageyearbooks.com> . Click on "Buy".



## Outstanding NESAs Scores from EPS

On the second day of school, Elgin student and staff helped to start the year off right by celebrating last years successes! After the annual all school picture, students were able to enjoy a much deserved movie and popcorn! Here are the results that everyone was so excited about:

3rd Grade: 100% in Reading and 85% in Mathematics

4th Grade: 100% in Reading and Mathematics

5th Grade: 100% in Reading, Mathematics, and Science

6th Grade: 100% in Reading and 88% in Mathematics



7th Grade: 100% in Reading and Mathematics

8th Grade: 86% in Reading and Science

11th Grade: 86% in Mathematics and 85% in Science

Congratulations and great job to all the students of EPS!

Check out our website: [www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org)

# Elementary Library Receives Makeover

This summer, the elementary library was one of several rooms to be updated with new carpet. Thanks to a small group of up and coming juniors, along with their sponsors Mrs. Dorothy Heithoff and Mrs. Rita Heithoff, the daunting task of moving furniture and all those books proved to be manageable. Because the furniture was out and the books were off the shelf, we took advantage of the opportunity to rearrange its floor plan to give the library a whole new design. Hopefully this new look will be just one more motivation for our students to keep reading, so they can return to the library to check out a new book and its new floor plan!

The library's motto for this year is a quote from Mason Cooley which says, "Reading gives us a place to go when we have to stay where we are."



## 5th Grade Breakout EDU

The fifth graders did a Breakout EDU for a back to school activity. Breakout EDU is like an escape room where students must solve a series of clues to reach their goal. The story went like this: The custodians asked teachers to keep their class in the room while they "worked" in the hallway, but really they were trying to find the hidden candy before the students! The lunch ladies left the class clues to be able to



find the candy before the custodian! The fifth graders had used both of their hints but found the candy with fifteen minutes to spare. Well done!

## Spanish Highlights

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish Culture students are reading the book The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros. The book is written in a series of vignettes, and is a story of a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago. When asked why the students liked the book so much after reading just 18 pages, some of the comments were: "It is very relatable," "It reads like a journal," "Each chapter is a new story." The students will create a storyboard to highlight each chapter by using *Storyboard That* online. They are looking forward to this quarter of Spanish culture!



# From the Staff

## Sports Health Courses

All coaches are required to take three courses before the start of the school year to help ensure the safety of all athletes. They are courses on Concussion Awareness, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and Heat Illness Prevention. Below are the links for any parents wanting to take the free online classes.

<http://nfhslearn.com/courses/61064/concussion-in-sports>

<http://nfhslearn.com/courses/61032/sudden-cardiac-arrest>

[http://nfhslearn.com/self\\_courses/4209322/heat\\_illness\\_prevention](http://nfhslearn.com/self_courses/4209322/heat_illness_prevention)

## New Math Books for 7th - 12th Grades

The junior high and high school math textbooks have been updated! We are still using the same series from Pearson Education as the previous years. However, the new books will offer updated examples and new resources that can be used to improve learning.

## Election Time!

Students at Elgin Public are learning about the election process and how important it is to be an informed voter.

Make sure you register to vote! Election Day is less than three months away!



## Summer Reading

Second through sixth grade students read over the summer and created an Olympic chain for the books they read. They will be rewarded with a movie night. Nice job, elementary!



## New High School Math Teacher

The high school math classroom has changed a lot for the 2016-2017 school year. Becky Lindgren has taken over the role of mathematics instructor from Ms. J, and has to keep up the great work she has been doing with the math students. The math room has also changed locations. It is in what was previously known as the Business room. The room looks great, thanks to some hard work from the custodial staff over the summer. Shelves were removed, walls were painted, and an extra white board was added. Mrs. Lindgren is taking over the Dual Credit Math classes, and is sending Calculus I to Lindsay Holy Family this year via distance learning. She is also trying out Google classroom with some of the classes to help cut down on paper shuffling. Feel free to stop by and say hello!

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**Don't forget - Parent-Teacher Conferences Sept. 20th**



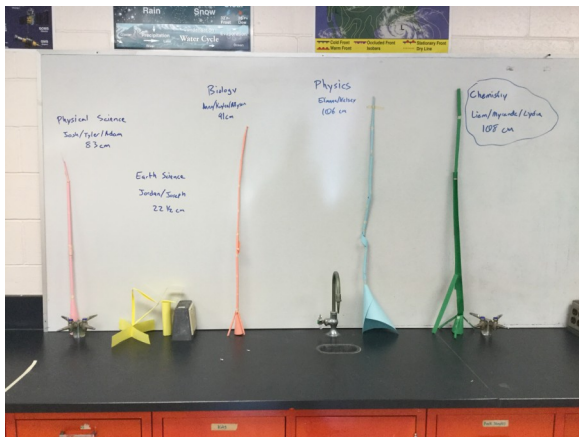
## New Student Council

Recently elected EPS Student Council members are ready to create some controlled and creative chaos for this upcoming school year. BR: Kira Widger, Garett Behnk, Lydia Behnk, A.J. Getzfred, Austin Dohmen, and Kenny Bush. FR: Ervin Dohmen, Myranda Palmer, Hayes Miller, Araceli Palmer, Olivia Lindgren, and Wyatt Renner. The student council is sponsored by Mrs. Shoe and Mrs. Klein.



## Wolfpack Volleyball Ready for Action!

The Wolfpack Volleyball team started practice on Monday, August 15th! Twenty-four girls showed up ready to work hard and get excited to start the season. First game is on Thursday, September 1st in Stuart! Coach Thiele is very excited about the season.



## Paper Tower Competition

The science class competed in a Paper Tower competition the first week of school. The students had to design and build a free standing tower made of only two sheets of computer paper and 30 cm of masking tape.

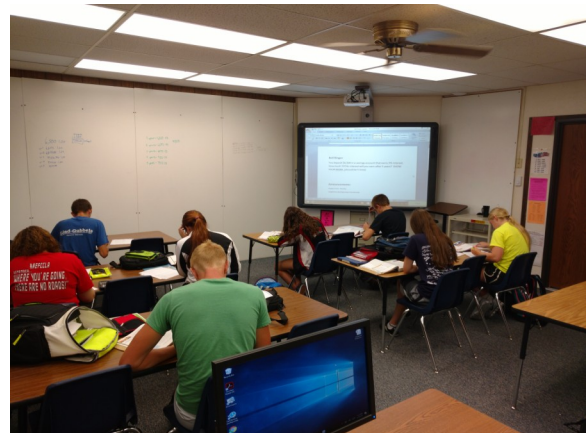
The winners from each class period were:  
Physical Science - Josh/Tyler/Adam (83 cm)

Earth Science - Jordan/Joey (22.5 cm)

Biology - Anna/Kaylee/Allyson (91 cm)

Physics - Ellianne/Kelsey (106 cm)

and the overall winner was Chemistry - Liam/Myranda/Lydia (108 cm)



## From the Business Room

It is not Miss J's room anymore, but we still do some math! Personal Finance students are working on interest calculations.

### Is there money in your lunch account?



You can check your balance on JMC using your parent password.

# New Student Information System at EPS

Welcome to JMC Student Information System!

Elgin Public School has decided to changeover to a new Student Information System called JMC. This new system will replace Schoolmaster that we have used since 2003. JMC is web-based so office staff, teachers, parents and students will have easy access to up-to-date information. Although we are still working out a few kinks, this system will serve us well far into the future. We realize that change can be difficult, but as we adjust to the new system I feel that we will see the benefits. Remember that we are learning this new system together, so please ask questions and let us know if you encounter any problems.

Student registration was done by parents on the new online system. If you have not yet registered your student, please do so now. If you need to make corrections to any information that you submitted, just login and submit a corrected registration. Have you changed jobs, phone numbers, or email addresses? Please login and submit that information.

If you have questions about the parent information center, please call us or email [paula.jensen@elgineagles.org](mailto:paula.jensen@elgineagles.org). We would be happy to help you!



## August FFA Meeting Held



Anne Meis was the guest speaker at the August FFA meeting held at the KC Hall. Anne presented on her LEAD experiences and her work as a board member of the Nebraska Soybean Board of Directors. A special treat was in store for the FFA members and Anne as Northeast Community College was there to film the event. It was revealed that Anne will be receiving an award from Northeast Community College and this was just the beginning of her being filmed over the next couple of months as they make a "tribute" to her and her work with various agriculture industries, clubs and her own family farm.



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# Classroom Fun!

## Kindergarten



The Kindergarten Class is happy to be back at Elgin Public School. We are going to have a big year of learning and fun!

Members of Mrs. Wemhoff's class are: Jeneli, Gentry, Xander, Sophia, Kynlee, Junior, Kinley, Jael, Braedon, and Madison.

## 1st Grade



Welcome to First Grade, we have 9 students this year 7 boys and 2 girls. I am looking forward to a great year with this class and a great first year as their teacher! -Mrs. Spiegel

## Second Grade



We have fifteen second graders this year and we are excited to be in school. We welcome two new students to our room; Natalie and Rylan.— Mrs. Beckman

## Third Grade



The 2016-2017 third grade class is off to a great start! We spent the first days of school learning class rules, making a time capsule, and getting back into school day routines.— Mrs. Eisenhauer

## 4th Grade



The 4th graders are ready for a great year!  
- Mr. Ostransky

## 6th Grade



The 6th graders are off to a great start this year!- Mr. Eisenhauer

## Preschool Settling In

With the start of a new year the Preschoolers are settling into a routine and are excited for the school year. We are working on recognizing and writing our names as well as learning our ABC's and numbers. The morning group consisting of four year olds has 14 students while the afternoon group of three year olds has 20 students.

## Resource Information

by: Mrs. Zwingman

Students, completing your assignment book for each class, each day, is the best way for you stay on top of your assignments and help you be organized. It helps communicate your assignments to your parents, as well, so they do not have to try to decipher what you need to be completing. Therefore, take the time to get your assignments specifically written down to help yourself in being organized the rest of the school year.

## ***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.



# From the desk of the Superintendent . . .

By Dan Polk  
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The new school year has begun! We always have several improvements on campus to enjoy but one I really want to bring the public's attention to is the new parking lot on the east side of the gym. Our hope is that this large lot will make parking and activity attendance much easier and much more accessible than it has been in the past. We have also added a couple handicapped parking spots on the north side of the building. This should alleviate parking pressure and getting around the town streets when activities are going on. There is access from both the north and south, through existing small lots.



Back to the students. At the Elgin Public Schools we traditionally give our students something to start the new school year. We purchase it with non tax dollars (rebate fund money, or other money that is not direct tax money). It always seems to start the year off on the right foot and let the kids know we TRULY care about them. The last few years it has been a t-shirt that says Elgin Public Schools believes in me. We also then take an all school picture with the shirts.



Sometimes we also provide draw string bags or stocking caps etc.. In today's world we think it is very important to have pride in your school, for students to know that we believe in them, that each and everyone of them are important and that together we can learn and do great things. This is just one way of getting that across in a non-verbal but open and lasting way. This year we took the picture on the football field with our school drone. We are looking forward to a great and productive year, GO EAGLES!!!

## Upcoming ACT Test Dates

Juniors and Seniors, here is a list of upcoming available testing and registration dates for the ACT.

**Register By**  
September 16th  
November 4th  
January 13th  
March 3rd  
May 5th

**Test Date**  
October 22nd  
December 10th  
February 11th  
April 8th  
June 10th



## Music Groups in Full Swing!



We're starting the year off at full speed in the music room! The elementary is learning *The Star Spangled Banner*, as well as starting to work on their upcoming Christmas Mini-Musical. The 7-12 Band is studying two pieces, *Salvation is Created* and *The Great Locomotive Chase*, while the 7-12 Choir is currently learning a piece called *Autumn Vespers*. Here are some upcoming important dates:

September 8 at 7:30– Instrument Rental Night  
November 7– NVC Choir at Lynch  
December 15th– Elementary Christmas Concert  
December 20th– 7-12 Christmas Concert



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rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Greg Wemhoff  
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Welcome Back!

The 2016-2017 school year has begun! As I enter into my fourth year here at EPS I am filled with optimism and excitement about the days ahead. We have a lot to be optimistic about here at Elgin Public Schools. We have a staff that is willing to go the extra mile for the students at EPS. The caring and professional approach that these staff members' bring to work each and every day can only help make your child's education be the best it can be. The great staff combined with a student body that truly takes care of one another can only lead to a great school and a great year! It is great to be back.

As I did last year I will challenge the students become the best all around students and people they can be. It all comes down to four basic principles of school and life.

Choose to Commit. – Make the decision that you are going to make choices that will allow you to do things beyond mediocrity.

Work hard- good things never come easy. Pushing yourself to the limit in everything you do. Give more effort in studies, friendships, family, sports, activeness etc. IN ALL YOU DO-DO IT WELL

Focus- Eliminate distraction or road blocks that are holding you back from achieving greatness. Minimize exposure to negative people; their goals are not the same as yours. Eliminate negative thoughts; you can do amazing things as long as you believe in yourself.

Bounce Back- You are going to fall short at sometime throughout this year. Be resilient.

Learn from your failures and become great.

If all the students and faculty follow these four principles we are not only going have a good school year but a great school year. We will not have good students but great students. It's going to be a great year. EAGLE PRIDE!!

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