



EAGLE UPDATE

Off To A Great Start!



Elgin Public Schools
"Educating Elgin's Children Since 1874"

Elgin Public School students and staff are off to a great start! School began on August 15th with 166 students in grades PreK-12. All students were given an Elgin Eagle t-shirt. The shirts boast that "every eagle soars" at Elgin Public Schools.

DATES TO REMEMBER



September 3
NO SCHOOL
Labor Day



September 18
EARLY OUT 1:00
PT Conferences



September 6
Lifetouch School Pictures



September 19
LATE START 10:00



September 12
School Board Meeting
ITV Room 7:30pm



Check our website: www.elgineagles.org for the most current news & calendar.

From Mr. Becker



The junior high locker rooms received a much needed update over the summer. Looking good!

BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The breakfast/lunch menus are always available in our monthly newsletter but this year you can see the breakfast/lunch menu on the regular calendar on our website! Go to our website: www.elgineagles.org and click on "calendar" On the white space below the month, you can select which view you would like. If you select "Show all Calendars" then all events and the menus will show. "Select Multiple Calendars" and you will have a choice of what calendars you wish to view. If you select "Breakfast & Lunch Menu" then only the menus will show up. "Master Calendar" will display only the school events. If you have any problems viewing the menus or calendar, please give us a call 402-843-2455.



From Mrs. Klein

Spanish and One Act

The Spanish classes will be learning in a different way this year: through culture. We have adopted a new textbook series, Auténtico, and it is an intercultural education based program. I am very excited to see how the students will flourish with these new tools.

The One Act team will be kicking off the season on Tuesday, August 21st. We will be hosting the NVC competition this year on November 13th.

Healthy September

Here are things to look for from our school nurse in September!

- Mrs. Stearns will begin health screening with students.
- Miles of Smiles will be coming on September 20th. Watch for more info!

From Mr. Childers



Biology students started the year off by examining most of the tools and items that they will be using in class for the rest of the year.

Check out our website: www.elgineagles.org

From Mrs. D. Heithoff



The 7th graders started the year by learning how to make paper sack book covers in Math 7. We're looking forward to a great year!

From Mrs. Druke



Before school dismissed in May, the students in grades 6-9 were issued a summer reading challenge. They were challenged to read 1,500 pages by the time they returned to school this fall. Congratulations to the following students that met this goal: Trinity Graham (not pictured), William Heilhecker, Ethan Hinkle, Keyera Eisenhauer, Baylee Busted, and Brittney Headlee.

Menu Available On School Calendar

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From Mr. Mlinar



Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! - Mr. Mlinar and Laney



Pictured are the Elgin FFA Chapter Officers at COLT (Chapter Officer Leadership Training) this past May with former Elgin FFA member and president Marie Meis. Marie is currently serving as a 2018-2019 State FFA Officer.

The Elgin FFA Chapter is ready to start a great school year. The Chapter's first meeting was held on the evening of August 16th. Thirty - five of around forty members were present and the

Chapter Officers led the meeting. The current chapter officers are:

- Ally Wemhoff: President
- Adam Dreger: Vice President
- Kyle Schumacher: Treasurer
- Kira Widger: Secretary
- Haley Zegers: Reporter
- Hunter Reestman: Sentinel
- Kaylee Martinson: Parliamentarian
- Lauren Seier: Jr. Advisor

August business included a busy time for members. August 23-25 many members assisted at 36th Annual Nebraska State Antique Tractor and Horse Plowing Bee in Petersburg. Members helped with all kinds of events during this time. On August 29th Freshmen, Sophomore and Chapter Officers attended FFA EDGE in Ord for the day. EDGE is a conference designed to engage young and new FFA members in leadership development and as a follow up to COLT for the chapter officers. Also on the 29th, a few members assisted with serving food and drinks at Jerry's Feed Service's annual steak supper. And finally, on August 31st members that had made a welding or range board for the state fair in Grand Island had their work taken down. FFA static exhibits are only displayed during the last weekend of the Nebraska State Fair. Those members that had boards were: Tyler Iburg - ARC Welding Board, Cory Romej - Arc Welding Board and Ally Selting, Harlie Bode, Alyssa Burenheidi, Marissa Preister, Adam Dreger, Araceli Palmer, Kyle Schumacher, RJ Lierman and Austin Bauer had range boards.

Discussion was held on September range judging practice days and contests, hosting a petting zoo/farm safety day and the annual labor auction. Look to the school calendar for those event days. Something new the officers wanted to try this year is creating "pods" or groups for the chapter members. Each of the senior chapter officers drafted members of the chapter to be in their group for the year. Each group will be represented by their chapter officer leader and will receive a FFA t-shirt with each group having their own color. It is the officers' hope that having these groups in place will help communicate events better, encourage those members or help members that may be struggling and to help keep a positive attitude throughout the year. The groups will also participate in small, friendly competitions throughout the year with the winning group receiving a reward in May.

American FFA Degree Recipients Announced!

The following members of the Elgin FFA Chapter were announced by National FFA at the end of July that they are recipients of the highest degree/honor awarded to FFA members. Justin Funk, Karissa Dicke, Miles Schrage, Chad Bode and Kelsey Welding. Congratulations on this degree!

Is there money in your lunch account?



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

Don't forget - Parent-Teacher Conferences Sept. 19th

Kindergarten



Kindergarten Class of 2031

front row: Juleidi Rascon, Ashlyn Tillis, Jhett Maudlin, Aubree Stahlecker, Devorah Frisbie
back row: Jenna Beard, Ryker Lammers, McKenna Sauser, Sawyer Richardson, Axel Suhr, Allie Scheer, Mollie Murphy, and Ava Dworak not pictured Charles Miller

1st Grade



Welcome to first grade! Meet the 2018-2019 first grade class. They are (back row) Aurora Burke, Braxtyn Eisenhauer, Kristopher Polston, Dominic Durre, Xander Richardson, and Levi Scheer; (middle row) Devin Frisbie, Victoria Evans, Cara Romej, and Cael Bottorf; (front row) Brayden Clark, Tenley Schindler, Jeneli Rascon, and Garrett Busted. The first grade teacher is Mrs. McClellan, formerly known as Ms. Cooper.

Second Grade



The second grade will start the school year with eleven students. We are excited to be back in school.

Third Grade



The third grade is off to a great start for the 2018-2019 school year! We have nine students. We can't wait to go on learning adventures this year!

Fourth Grade

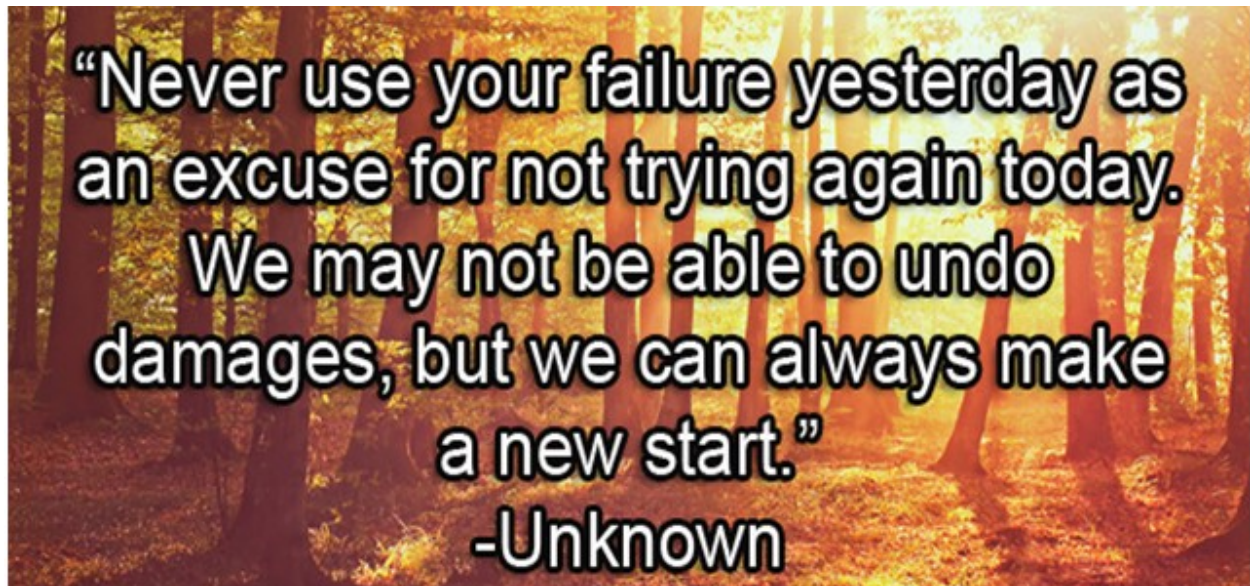


The 4th Graders are ready to have a great year!

From Mrs. Lindgren

The year has started off with a bang for the high school math department. Elgin is sending calculus to four other schools this year, so I have had a crash course in using the distance learning equipment. Fortunately, the students at all of the schools have been very patient and understanding as I adjust to life outside of my classroom. Also, I am beginning my first computer science course. I have 5 brave souls that are taking this journey with me, and I think it will be a very enlightening course for all involved. The coursework is from code.org. This company invited me to attend a week-long workshop to help me understand how the course works, and I have already been grateful for the things that I learned there!

From Mrs. Zwingman



Fifth Grade



5th graders are ready for a new school year! They have one new student, Jarek. Go Eagles!

From Mrs. Thiele-Blecher

Questions to Ask Your Kids after School Instead of “How Was Your Day?”

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Was anyone in your class gone today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- Did you like your lunch?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- What made your teacher smile? Or frown?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And Why?
- What kind of person were you today?



From Mrs. Shumake-Henn

Attention, everyone: W-EPS: The Beak is back in action and will be keeping you in the know for a full year!
We've got an enthusiastic staff just waiting to entertain and inform you.
Please help us overload our Twitter account, newsletters, and broadcasts with the latest and greatest happenings at EPS.
You may send your ideas, announcements, news, pictures, etc. to Mrs. Shoe or directly to our Journalism account: journalism@elgineagles.org. Looking forward to another great school year!



From Mrs. Rittscher

the ACT[®] 2018-2019 TEST DATES

2018 Test Dates	SEP 8	OCT 27	DEC 8
Registration Deadline	AUG 10	SEP 28	NOV 2
**Late Registration Deadline	AUG 26	OCT 14	NOV 19

Register at actstudent.org

2019 Test Dates	FEB 9*	APR 13	JUN 8	JUL 13*
Registration Deadline	JAN 11	MAR 8	MAY 3	JUN 14
**Late Registration Deadline	JAN 18	MAR 25	MAY 20	JUN 24

*No test centers are scheduled in California for the July test date or New York for the February and July test dates.
**All material sent by mail must be RECEIVED by the late registration deadline, regardless of postmark date.

F rom the desk of the Superintendent . . .

By Dan Polk
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The Elgin Eagles of the 2018-2019 school year welcome you back! The year has quickly gotten underway and things are trending toward getting back into a solid routine. We have some significant safety improvements and procedures for the school this year. We now have more control over who can access the different buildings on our campus during the day. All necessary in this day and age and hopefully will not significantly change the wonderful small school closeness, environment, and freedom that are so important in rural Nebraska.

The budget for the 2019-2020 school year is almost complete, and I am extremely happy to relay that the Elgin Public School district will, for I believe the **fifth year in a row**, ask for less taxes from its patrons for school operations. This is something I don't believe I have ever heard of happening anywhere before; but with the fiscally responsible nature of your board of education, along with the influx of taxation from the wind towers, your district has saved a large amount of tax money over the past few years while at the same time continuing to upkeep and run a modern and up to date small town school. If this trend continues, it could easily be 5 to 10 years or more before patrons will pay taxes equal to previous highs in .

The current board of education has done a phenomenal job in controlling finances while at the same time improving facilities and education of the district and spending the money to do so. Two "longer term" board members will be leaving us this year and they have been a big part of this tremendous story. Steve Heithoff and Bob Hoefer have served you and the district well and will be sorely missed; but the knowledge and leadership that remains will hopefully continue to carry the district down the successful path of educating students at a very high and progressive level while not excessively burdening the taxpayers. GO EAGLES

From Mrs. D. Heithoff



This years senior class had an amazing time on the trip to Washinton D.C. over the summer!

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.

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rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Greg Wemhoff
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From the Principals' Desk

Welcome Back!

The 2018-2019 school year has begun! As I enter into my sixth 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 to become the best all around students and people they can be and determine their own success.

See your goal.

Understand the obstacles.

Create a positive mental picture.

Clear your mind of self doubt.

Embrace the challenge.

Stay on task.

Show the world you can do it.

It's going to be a great year. EAGLE PRIDE!!

From Mrs. Vanis

Preschool



The morning and afternoon groups of preschoolers are ready to go for a new year!



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