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Elgin Public School 2019-20



Elgin Public School students and staff are off to a terrific start! Students and staff were very patient to pose for this picture on the first day of school, August 14th. It took some work, but we managed to get some great smiles!

DATES TO REMEMBER



September 2
NO SCHOOL
Labor Day



September 17
EARLY OUT 1:00
PT Conferences



September 5
Lifetouch School Pictures



September 18
LATE START 10:00 a.m.



September 11
School Board Meeting
ITV Room 7:30pm

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

Summer Reading Challenge

From Mrs. Druke



In May, students that were heading into grades seven through nine were issued a summer reading challenge. They were to read and record a minimum of 1,000 pages over summer break. Nine students met this goal, and they will be treated to a pizza party this fall. Back row: Ethan Hinkle, William Heilhecker, Brian Heithoff, Austin Hinkle, and Brittney Headlee; Front Row: Baylee Busteed, Keyera Eisenhauer, Callie Heithoff, and Kate Furstenau; Great job, kids!

Sixth Grade

From Mr. Eisenhauer

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.



6th grade class 2019-2020 Ready for a great year!!

Make A Map

From Mr. Rossman

The Freshman Geography class is tackling their first project of the new school year. They are creating representation of maps of specific regions in our world. They were assigned to either construct a physical geography map or a political geography map.

The physical maps include all major landforms in the region, the names of the landforms, major rivers, and show changes in the landscape of the region. Political maps show distinct boundary lines and where real countries are located as well as major/capital cities.

The freshman are showing great creativity in designing these maps, and they will be on display in Mr. Rossman's classroom



Excitement In Math!

From Mrs. Lindgren

The school year is back in full swing, and the students have had to find and dust off their thinking caps. My students are jumping into their curriculum with enthusiasm! I get to teach geometry and pre-calculus twice during the day, with smaller student numbers in each section. I also get to teach computer programming this year, and have three students that have chosen to tackle that challenge with me! My biggest class is an ITV course. I currently have 13 calculus students in that class. Fortunately, I can teach that using a PolyCom cart in my classroom.

Whether you love math, or you struggle, keep this in mind: **There may be people that have more talent than you, but there's no excuse for anyone to work harder than you! - Derek Jeter**

Please Stand For The Pledge

From Mrs. R. Heithoff



The Pledge of Allegiance is recited each morning over the phone intercom. So no matter where you are on campus you will here the pledge and join in.

Fifth Grade

From Mrs. Borer



Welcome back!

5th grade has 14 students this year.
On net (l to r): Megan, Rylen, Justice, Liz
On slide (top to bottom): Gemma, Libby, Gavin, Wyatt, Sadie, Braelyn, Kierstyn, Ruby, Lillie, and Tristen

Prepping For The New Year!

From Mrs. D. Heithoff



Students in Mrs. Heithoff's math classes spent part of the first class of the year putting paper bag book covers on their books. Thank you to Talena and Olivia for coming in to help the 7th grade with their covers.

Make Today
The Best Day Of Your Life

From Mrs. Rittscher

Dream It
Wish It
Do It!

From Mrs. Zwingman

The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice.

Brian Herbert



The ACT

2019-2020 TEST DATES

2019 Test Dates	SEP 14	OCT 26	DEC 14	Register at act.org
Registration Deadline	AUG 16	SEP 20	NOV 8	
**Late Registration Deadline	AUG 30	OCT 4	NOV 22	
2020 Test Dates	FEB 8	APR 4	JUN 13	JUL 18*
Registration Deadline	JAN 10	FEB 28	MAY 8	JUN 19
**Late Registration Deadline	JAN 17	MAR 13	MAY 22	JUN 26

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

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. 18th

The Beak Is Back In Action!

From Mrs. Shumake-Henn



The bad news . . . ? Summer is over. The good news . . . ? W-EPS is back in the studio!

Seniors Cory Romej and Olivia Lindgren have returned to guide the new ten-strong staff this year. Team members include the following: Fellow seniors Adam Dreger, Talena Woodard and Araceli Palmer; Junior Joey Getzfred; Sophomores River Romej, Jessica Getzfred, Riley Vitamvas, and Norman Grothe.

The crew will be working hard to bring you the latest at EPS. Be sure to catch our news broadcasts on our youtube channel: W-EPS: The Beak. You can also follow us on Twitter @WEPSTheBeak.

Feel free to share story ideas, announcements and pictures to our e-mail:

journalism@elgineagles.org You can also tag us on Twitter!

Have a terrific year!



Morning Preschool

From Mrs. Vanis

The Morning Preschoolers are excited to begin their school year! We have 15 students in the 4- year old morning group this year.



Afternoon Preschool

From Mrs. Vanis

There are 16 students in the 3 year old afternoon group this year. These students are just beginning their education and some are also adjusting to being away from Mom & Dad.



Kindergarten

From Mrs. Wemhoff



Kindergarten is ready for a new year!



1st Grade



From Mrs. Childers



The 1st grade class is ready for an awesome year of learning!

Second Grade

From Mrs. Beckman



There are fourteen students in second grade, ten boys and four girls. They are in a different building this year and have lots of new information to learn.

I Can Lift That!

From Mr. Becker



Weights is such a popular class that some students even take it at 7:00 a.m. Shown here are Kali and Blake during Weights & Recreational PE class during 6th period.

Third Grade

From Mrs. Eisenhauer



The third graders are off to a great start for the 2019-2020 school year. We have twelve students in our class this year. We are excited to learn new things, have lockers for our backpacks, Keyboarding class, and get used to a new schedule.

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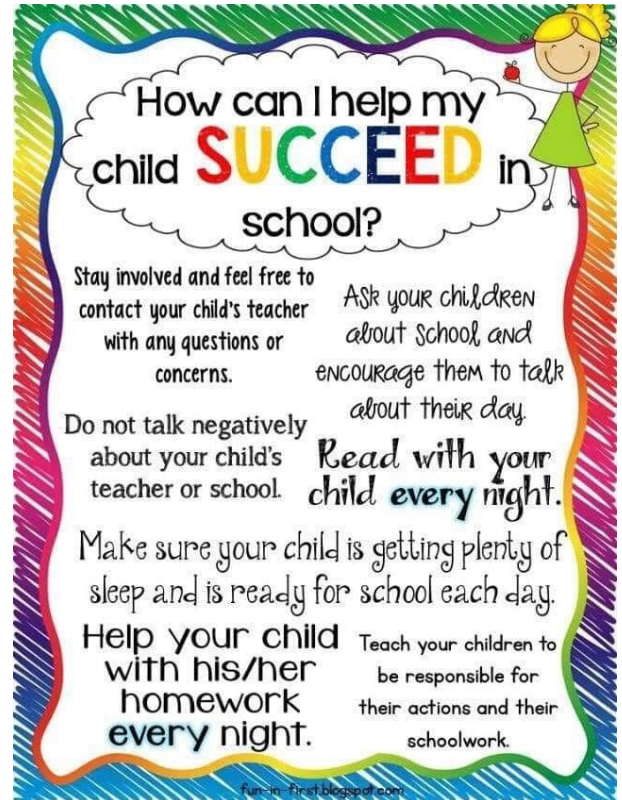
Marching Eagles Are Back!

From Mr. Heithoff

From Mrs. Thiele-Blecher



Big group this year! The 7-12 band is working on *Let It Rock* for this year's marching season. It's sounding great already! Be listening as we practice our marching skills all around Elgin!



Typing Tips

From Mr. Mlinar

We live in the Digital Age. Kids are using computers at a very young age. When using a laptop or desktop computer, children must understand how to use the keyboard properly. Therefore, if you have a young child, it is important that you monitor your children's typing technique on the keyboard. **Let's help our children now before they develop bad habits that are hard to break!**



- **At a young age, it is more important to focus on accuracy!** Do not worry about speed! Make sure children are using the correct fingers and limiting errors!
- **Always** keep fingers on **HOME ROW**. Home row is **A, S, D, F** and **J, K, L, colon/semicolon** buttons.
- Each finger is responsible for its own set of buttons. (See the picture above to see which finger is in charge of which buttons) When typing, use the correct finger and gently type the needed key. Then, **quickly return** the finger to its assigned home row key.
- As time progresses, children should start looking at the screen instead of down at the keyboard.
- Typers should take short breaks every 20-30 minutes. Move around and stretch. Give your muscles, joints, and eyes some rest.

F rom the desk of the Superintendent . . .



By Dan Polk
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This Newsletter article is from September 2013. Though it may seem like forever ago, it's a clear indicator that if you're not open to change and moving forward, you're standing still. You just have to choose the change wisely. Since all of these things are still in place and being utilized and appreciated it's clear the choices were good ones.

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.

As always please contact the school with any questions or concerns and GO EAGLES!



FFA



2019-20 FFA Members are: Seniors: Austin Bauer, Olivia Lindgren, Adam Dreger, Tyler Iburg, Cade Heithoff, Blake Hupp, Faith Kinney, Cory Romej, Haley Zegers, Talena Woodard. Juniors: Theanna Dunn, Joey Getzfred, Jordan Lindgren, Natalie Bauer, Harlie Bode, Alyssa Burenheide, Kirsten Krebs, Marissa Preister, Allyson Selting, Layne Bullock. Sophomores: Kali Dworak, Emily Mlnarik, Norman Grothe, Colton Wright, River Romej. Freshmen: Sharon Bartak, Carter Beckman, Paiton Hoefler, Taylynne Charf, Emma Ruterbories, Cale Kinney, David Durre, Collin Lindgren, William Heilhecker, Jackson Wemhoff, Camryn Pelster, Austin Good, Ethan Hinkle.

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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 everything seems to be going well. On August 14th students arrived and we began our journey through the 2019-2020 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, Mrs. Childers, who will be teaching 1st grade for us this year. We are very fortunate to have her on our staff at EPS. She is a great teacher and will do an awesome job with our students. 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 and we are happy you are here.

We have several important dates and activities occurring during this time of the year such as Parent-Teacher Conferences. Thank you parents for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend our Parent-Teacher Conferences this year. The first of our MAP testing will be completed soon. 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 September 30th, it's Homecoming week! We will be holding many festivities typically associated with Homecoming. Coronation of this year's King and Queen will be announced on Wednesday night, October 2nd at the EPS gymnasium at 7:00 sharp.

Attention Dads: don't forget that on Friday the 11th of October we will be hosting Donuts with Dads at 7:30 AM. This is a great event for Dads and the students. October 17th marks the end of the first quarter with no school on October 18th as teachers will have an in-service on that day.

On November 11th 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.

We always have a lot of events and activities going on at EPS. Please take time to look at the monthly calendar at <http://www.elgineagles.org/> to stay informed and as always feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

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