



# EAGLE UPDATE

## Senator Sasse Selection

From Mrs. R. Heithoff



Libby Evans and Justice Blecher, 6th grade EPS students, recently had their photographs chosen by Senator Ben Sasse to hang in his offices at the State Capitol. They took their photos as part of an Art assignment last spring and submitted them to the Senator's contest. Libby took her flower photo in her backyard and Justice at his grandparents' farm. Congratulations!

### DATES TO REMEMBER



★ Sept. 7  
NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

★ Sept. 14  
Teacher Wkshp. Cancelled ---  
Regular School Day for ALL students

★ Sept. 9  
School Board Budget/Levy  
Hearings followed by meeting 7:30 p.m.  
in gym

★ Sept. 15  
Early Dismissal 1:00 p.m.  
Parent-Teacher Conf.

★ Sept. 16  
Late Start 10:00 a.m.

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

# Second Grade

From Mrs. Beckman



*There are twelve students in second grade, five boys and seven girls. They are in a new building this year and lots of new information to learn. We are all excited to be back in school.*



## Request a Library Book

From Mrs. Druke

Requests or recommendations for books to add to either of our libraries are certainly welcome. From the school's website, click on the "Academics" tab and then click on "Library." An article will pop up where a recommendation can be submitted. Email submissions can also be sent to Mrs. Druke at [kerri.druke@elgineagles.org](mailto:kerri.druke@elgineagles.org). While we cannot guarantee that every suggestion is purchased, we appreciate receiving ideas. Have a great 2020-2021 school year! It's great to be back!

# How to Raise a Reader

1. Start a reading habit early.
2. Read every day.
3. Keep books all around your home.
4. Visit the library or bookstore on a regular basis.
5. Let your children choose their own books.
6. Be a reading role model.



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## 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.

## What is a Flipped Classroom?

From Mrs. D. Heithoff

Students in Mrs. Heithoff's math classes are experiencing things a little differently this year. They are working in a flipped classroom setting. A flipped classroom is a learning model in which traditional ideas about classroom activities and homework are reversed, or

"flipped". In this model, instructors have students interact with new material for homework. This is done by watching an instructional video created by Mrs. Heithoff and completing skeleton notes over the new material. They then use class time to discuss the new information and put those ideas into practice. In other words, the students are working assignments that would normally be considered homework during class time. This allows student a better opportunity to ask questions of the teacher, who can therefore give the student more one on one instruction. A flipped classroom offers students the benefit of greater control over their learning, therefore better meeting the needs of the individual student.



# English Students Are Back on Track

From Mrs. Shumake-Henn



*It may not be Shakespeare on the Green, but Shakespeare in the Eagles Nest is the next best thing.*

We're back . . . and Mrs. Shoe couldn't be happier. After a lengthy hiatus from the classroom, Elgin Public's English students are getting right after it.

English 9 students will be starting the year with a basic grammar review and an introduction to the world of Greek mythology. The "Wall of Fame" should soon be filling up quickly . . . brick by brick.

Following a quick debriefing on *Animal Farm*, the sophomores will delve into *The Miracle Worker*, soon to be followed by *Of Mice and Men*. Oh the good reading that awaits!

The residents of English 11 are entering the wonderful world of William Shakespeare in preparation for everyone's favorite tragedy, *Romeo and Juliet*. Once they finish, we'll begin exploring the periods of early American Literature.

The seniors are gaining some insight and wisdom from the likes of Emerson and Thoreau and will be playing a little catch up with *Huck Finn*. Soon after, they will embark on their adventure with *The Odyssey*.

One day at a time, Eagles. There's so much yet to come. Happy 2020-21 school year!

Make Today  
The Best Day Of Your Life

**Don't forget - Parent-Teacher Conferences Sept. 15th**

# First Grade

From Mrs. Childers



*First grade is SO excited to be back in school!*



## JMC Information System

JMC is the Student Information System that we use at ElginPublic School. JMC has a wealth of information from missing assignments to transcripts. The contact information for each student is stored in JMC. Student's immunizations are stored there as well. As teachers begin to grade homework, the grades are displayed in JMC. Each parent and student is given a login and password so they can access this information on their computer, laptop, or phone. Do you need to change a phone number, update a mailing address or email? Do you need to check your child's schedule or his/her progress report? This can all be done on JMC.

If you forget your login or password, just click on "Forgot your Username?" "Forgot Your Password". JMC will walk you through getting your login & password. If you have any difficulty, please call the school office and ask for help.

# Third Grade

From Mrs. Eisenhauer



*The third grade class is off to a great start for the 2020-2021 school year. We have 16 students in our class. We spent our first days learning class rules, new routines, and making superheroes. We are excited to be back with our classmates and teachers!*

From Mrs. Rittscher

## Seniors...6 must-do tasks for this fall!

1. **Attend the [EducationQuest Virtual College Fair](#) Sept. 27-30.** This statewide event will feature colleges from across Nebraska and the nation along with live college-prep presentations.
2. Schedule visit/virtual visit with top college choices. Be sure to schedule through Mrs. Rittscher!
3. **Apply to your top college choices.** [Click here](#) to find a college application checklist and other helpful resources.
4. Attend Financial Aid meeting Sept. 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (Not sure if this will be at school or via virtual setting.)
5. **Create a Federal Student Aid account at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)** (both you and a parent will need an account). This is the site you will use to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
6. **Complete the FAFSA at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) on or after October 1.** The FAFSA is your application for federal, state, and college-based financial aid.



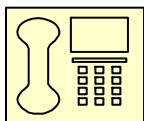
# Kindergarten

From Mrs. Wemhoff



## *Mrs. Wemhoff's Kindergarten Class*

*Left to Right: Rylie Beard, Jackson Evans, Presley Richardson, Taryn Schindler, Corbyn Testerman, Case Romej, Jozlynn Mack, Sloane Miller, Caleb Fangman, Shay Morrison, Izaak Lopez, Chase Young, Aimelyn Moscoso, Cora Beckman, and Grant Blecher, Mason Fletcher, and Elly Boschen*



## **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!



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## **Math Class is Back!**

From Mrs. Lindgren

I am so glad to be back in the classroom. I am okay with wearing a mask, because it means I can see my students and help them with their questions! I think one of the hardest things about virtual learning with math is not knowing whether students 'get it' and how much help they need. Stay healthy!

**Fun Fact: 40 when written "forty" is the only number with letters in alphabetical order, while "one" is the only one with letters in reverse order**

# Fifth Grade

From Mrs. Borer



*Fifth grade has 9 students this year.  
Pictured in front row (l to r): Cylus, Joslyn, Evin, Kaidynce  
Middle row: Max, Molly, Riker, Donm Back row: Kipp  
We are pumped for a great year!*

## 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 Supt. Mike Brockhaus  
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Hello and welcome to Elgin Public Schools!! The staff and students are excited to be back in the building after the closure in the spring of 2020 due to Covid-19.

I am very excited to be part of a great team at Elgin Public and everyone has been very helpful and welcoming to our family. My wife, Jennifer, works at home remotely and also travels to West Virginia to work on the computers at the hospital in Madison, WV. We have two daughters, Charlie is a Junior at UNL and Dani is a Freshman at Peru State College. We are looking forward to meeting more new people in Elgin and watching the students and teachers in action in the classroom as well as on the field of play!!

Let's work together to keep everyone safe and healthy so we can stay in the buildings!!

## Sixth Grade

From Mr. Eisenhower



*Introducing the 2020-21 Sixth Graders at Elgin Public School. We also welcome our student teacher, Miss Coover. We are looking forward to an awesome year!*

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

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rom the Principal's desk . . .

by Greg Wemhoff  
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## MAP TESTING

I am sure that you have heard some of your students come home and talk about MAP testing. This year students took their MAPS test about a two weeks earlier than previous years. In fact the first of our MAP testing was completed the week of the August 24th. Why? We feel the earlier the students are tested the better picture we get of the students growth or lack of growth. MAP tests are standardized test to help us assess how our students and school is performing relative to other school across the country. The MAP program takes your fall score and grade level and tells you 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.

### MAP Assessment Frequently Asked Questions

What are MAP assessments?

- \* MAP stands for "Measuring Academic Progress"
- \* MAP "Fits the test to the student, not the student to the test"
- \* MAP provides differentiated assessment data to find the instructional level of all students
- \* MAP provides accurate and reliable assessment data across a common and stable scale (like a ruler or yardstick)
- \* MAP gives teachers additional information to help make decisions about your child's education

What are the main features of MAP testing?

- \* MAP testing is "computer adaptive" meaning that questions will adapt to the student's achievement level
- \* MAP tests are not timed, students may take as much time as they need
- \* MAP measures and reports student growth over time.

What subject areas do MAP assessments measure?

- \* Reading
- \* Mathematics
- \* Language Usage
- \* General Science
- \* Science Concepts and Processes

## **September 14th is now a Regular School Day for All Students PreK thru Gr. 12**

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