



# Elmore Elementary School

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## October Newsletter

*Mission: Elmore Elementary School is an educational community that empowers students to be lifelong learners by valuing their unique talents and learning needs.*

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**School Hours**

5K-Grade 5 - 7:52am-2:30pm

AM 4K - 7:40am-10:45am

PM 4K - 11:25am-2:30pm

**Mark Your Calendars**

**October**

13 – Phuture Phoenix/ gr 5

14 – Early Release at 12:30

25 – Picture Day

28 – No School

**November**

1 – Gr. 4 to Madison

1 – Gr. 2 to Heritage Hill

2 – Student Council

11 – Veterans' Program

15 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

17 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

18 – Early release 12:30

23-25 No School

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Thank you for a wonderful start to the new school year! During our Open House we had a number of parents who expressed interest in the various volunteer opportunities throughout the school year. If you did not have the opportunity to sign up, please contact your child's teacher and we can send home a paper copy of the volunteer opportunities. We will be reaching out to you in the upcoming months as the events and activities take place. In years past we have always had a fundraiser in September. This year we will have a fundraiser later in the year. Stay tuned for more information.

On September 19 we welcomed Mallory and the Kindness Adventure Assembly to Elmore. The assembly was a great reminder to students of how to show kindness, be open-minded and welcome those who may have differences from our own. Check out the website for more information <http://www.kindnessadventure.com>.

We have our first early release on October 14. Early release afternoons are used for staff to deepen their understanding and work collaboratively on best teaching practices. Throughout the 2016-17 school year Elmore staff will be focusing our professional learning on Add+Vantage Math Recovery (AVMR), Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Restorative Practices. AVMR assessments help educators organize small groups and identify students' strengths and areas of need in mathematics. It then provides guidance on ways to deepen mathematical knowledge and strategy development in students. Restorative Practices looks at how to build a culture of community in schools.

Attendance is always a priority at Elmore. New this year instead of the perfect attendance board we are changing it to a 98% Club. This board will recognize the students who had 98% or better attendance for the month.

If you have suggestions, feel free to reach out by sending an email, scheduling a meeting, or calling to share thoughts or ideas.

Your Partner in Education,

☺ Stacy Norman

**Volunteering** – Elmore volunteers have an important impact on our school and community. For the safety of our students, all volunteers are required to pass a background check that is good for two years. This year we have moved to an online application. If you are interested in volunteering and want to start a background check:

- Go to “gbaps.org”
- Click on either the “Parents” or “Our Community” tab
- Click on the “Volunteer Opportunities” tab
- Click on the “SecureVolunteer” icon

If you need assistance, access to the Internet, or not sure whether you need to complete a new background check, please contact your child’s teacher.

**Title I Program** - We are very fortunate to have a special program called Title I at our school. Title I is a federal program that provides money to school districts to help children become more successful learners. The purpose of Title I is to provide extra educational services for children who need additional help to be successful in school. Title I serves students and families in 17 public and 10 private schools in Green Bay.

All 17 public Title I schools operate as “school-wide programs”. A School-wide program may use Title I funds to serve all students in the school, regardless of academic need. The school must have a specific plan to explain how it will use Title I funds to improve the educational program. At Elmore we are working to make improvements in student engagement, literacy and math.

Our school district is required to review whether our Title I programs are effective. Schools need to show that the students are making progress toward meeting the state standards. We hold a meeting each spring to share our progress and goal outcomes with parents. All parents are invited and we hope to see you there.

Parent involvement is a very important part of Title I. Parents are encouraged to be involved in their children’s education and to participate in planning the Title I program. Parent participation is required and welcomed. If you are interested in participating in important Title I decisions or have ideas for how we can improve our program please contact Stacy Norman, principal at Elmore at 492-2615 or [smbnorman@gbaps.org](mailto:smbnorman@gbaps.org).

**Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)** – Throughout the school year students will receive Eagle Pride tickets for showing expected behavior. In the month of September we practiced Safe, Organized, Attentive, Respectful and Responsible (SOAR) behaviors and did re-teaching when needed. Students will have the opportunity to use their Eagle Pride tickets to purchase items off the prize cart in the month of October. Students will also have the chance to win office chairs for the week, including the principal’s chair. We have done a great job as a school of being safe and knowing what the expected voice volume is in various locations of building. Ask your child about expected voice volume in various parts of the school.

**Immunizations** – If your child has received any recent immunizations, please get the information to Mrs. Duame as soon as possible.

**Brown County Oral Health Partnership** - Your child can receive dental care at no cost to you! Brown County Oral Health Partnership is a nonprofit organization that provides dental care for uninsured and underinsured children in Brown County, at no cost to parents. To be eligible for our program, children must be:

- Age 0-18
- Uninsured and qualify for free or reduced lunch, OR covered under Medical Assistance or Badgercare with no private dental insurance

If a child does not get the dental care they need, it greatly impacts their ability to learn and their overall health. For more information and to schedule a dental appointment for your child, please call: (920) 965-0831

**School Safety Drills** – Throughout the school year we practice various drills so we know what to do in the event of an emergency. Each month we must complete a fire drill. In addition to our fire drill in October we are going to practice our Rally Point Drill. Rally points are three locations we have selected with the help of our School Resource Officers (SROs) that are close enough to school to walk to in the event we would need to leave the building due to an unsafe situation. We have 3 rally point locations: Annunciation on Gray St, Capital Credit Union parking lot on the corner of Velp Ave. and Gray St. and St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Wilson Ave. As part of a drill we will walk to the rally point stops. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher or Matt Lancelle, the Elmore School Counselor.

**Digital Citizenship** – Each year prior to the start of the use of computers and throughout the year the students are instructed how to safely use technology. As more technology is being used daily in our school and the world around us, we continue to teach digital citizenship skills to help students safely use it. Each student has a school email account for instructional purposes. Please take time to discuss with your child(ren) the difference between a school email account and personal email account.

**Save the Date:**

- December Choral Concert –Thursday, December 8  
Time- TBD

**After School** - If your child's after school plans change, please send a note or call the office. Be sure to call the office before 2:00pm to be sure the message gets to your child prior to dismissal. Safety is our number one priority and we need to be informed to be sure your child gets home safely.

