

Elmore Elementary School

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December 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

December

3 - FSO Meeting – Gym 6:00 pm

6 – Winter Concert

11 – Student Council bell ringing

11 – Smart Cow proceeds/Elmore

13 --Holiday Store

13 – Girls' Tech Club

14 - **Early release 12:30pm**

20 – Gingerbread making/gr. 5

24 - Jan 1 – Break/No School

January

2 – Classes Resume

7 – FSO Meeting – Gym 6:00 pm

8 --Preschool Story Time

10:50-11:20am – LMC

8 – Student Council Meeting

2:30-3:15pm

10 & 24 – Girls' Tech Club

25 – **Early release 12:30**

31 – popcorn/spirit day

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend parent teacher conferences to celebrate your child's strengths and opportunities for growth. Please contact your child's teacher if you were unable to attend. In response to feedback about our electronic scheduling, we will be moving back to pencil and paper input, and the staff will schedule them as a building. We will be sending home a conference preference sheet in late January in the Tuesday envelopes.

This school year our school-wide math and literacy goal were created using STAR as one indicator of student growth. During our fall conferences, parents of students in grades 5K – 5 received a printout of their child's STAR reading and math report for the 1st trimester. On Monday, December 3, at 5:30pm there will be an informational session to ask questions and learn more about the STAR reports. This meeting will be held in the gym just prior to the FSO meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting and have questions, please contact your child's teacher.

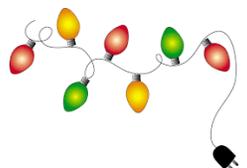
We are very fortunate to again have a Family Support Organization (FSO) at Elmore. Please consider joining us for the FSO meeting on Monday, December 3. We will be discussing the Holiday Store, family events, and fundraisers for the remainder of this school year.

Thank you to the families who participated in our Marcus fundraiser. We raised over \$800 from the sale of gift cards. Way to go Elmore Eagles! Funds will go towards classroom library buckets.

Thank you to parents and families for all that you do to support your child(ren) each and every day. When we work together our kids succeed.

Your Partner in Education,

☺ Stacy Norman





Holiday Attendance – Are you planning a family trip for the holidays? As you think about your arrangements, we want to stress the importance of sending your child to school every day. Every year, absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holiday as

families squeeze in a few more vacation days. It's time to break that cycle. We know that just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success and eventually for graduation.

We recognize that holidays are an important time for reconnecting with families far away. But keep in mind the costs to your children's education if they miss too much school—and the message you will be sending about the importance of attendance. Even if you've got a homework packet from the teacher, it doesn't make up for the interaction and learning that happens in the classroom. Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning, right up until vacation starts and the first day back. This holiday season, give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.

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 every two years. In Fall of 2016, as a district we 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 located on the left side of the page
- Click on the "SecureVolunteer" link near the bottom of the page

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. We have a computer in the front office for your convenience too.



Box Tops - Thank you for sending in your Box Tops during our October challenge! We collected 2,198 Box Tops which means we earned \$219.80 for Elmore! Please continue to save Box Tops at home. We will be having a classroom competition in February.



Brrr....It's Chilly Outside – Please have your student prepared to be outside for 30 minutes of recess each day. A number of children are coming to school without cold weather gear, especially jackets, hats and gloves. If you need assistance with securing winter gear, please contact Mrs. M&M, our School Social Worker, at 920-272-7633.



Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

(PBIS) – During the month of December, students who earn tickets for SOAR behavior will have the chance to win special prizes. The prizes, along with the necessary amount of tickets, will be displayed in the showcase located by our gym

entrance. The more tickets a student earns, the better his/her chance of winning a prize. If you have a moment, stop in and check out our awesome prizes!

We continue to focus on SOAR behaviors in all classes, as well as in the lunchroom and on the playground. Students can earn Eagle tickets by showing respect to adults and playing safely in all of these locations, but we will specifically focus on behaviors in the lunchroom and the playground during the month of December.

Elmore students continue to be reminded of ways to keep kindness in their thoughts and actions here at school. Parents and families, please help your child with this trait by setting an example of how you show kindness to family members at home. You can also help your child by modeling kind acts toward people that you meet each day in the community. As students see these kind acts, they will be more likely to show kindness to others at school, at home and in the community. What can you do today to show kindness or put a smile on someone's face? Could you hold a door for someone, greet someone with a friendly "hello", or be more patient in the checkout line? These are just a few examples to get you and your child thinking about random acts of kindness! Have fun looking for opportunities to spread kindness!



Facebook - We have a school wide Facebook page titled Elmore Elementary School Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ElmoreElementary/>. Check it out to see some pictures from the month of November.

Popcorn/Spirit Day – Thank you to Brook, Matt and Jill for popping popcorn in October. We made a \$60 profit in October, which goes right into our field trip budget. Our next popcorn day is scheduled for Thursday, January 31. Please note that we collect money for popcorn **at the start of the day** when we take attendance. If money arrives after the school day starts, your child will only get popcorn if there are leftover bags at the end of the day. Students who wear school spirit apparel or Elmore school colors of blue and yellow will have a chance to win a small prize too. Check out our November winners on the Elmore Facebook page.





School Nurse

Head Lice - It is a good time to be reminded to keep an eye on your child's head for head lice. Head lice are wingless insects that live on a person's head. Getting lice can happen to any child and is not a reason to miss school.

How do head lice spread?

- They do not jump or fly.
- Sharing hats, brushes, pillows, or having head to head contact are ways lice can spread.

What does head lice look like?

- The lice are small when first hatched-like a speck of dirt/sand on the scalp.
- The adults can be as small as a sesame seed and brown.
- Lice eggs (nits) are easily seen about a ¼ inch away from the scalp and firmly glued to the hair strand. They cannot be washed or brushed out like dandruff. They are often found behind the ears or at the back of the head.

How to avoid lice?

- Encourage your child not to share hats, brushes or hair accessories with friends.
- Check your child's head weekly for lice or eggs if they are scratching their head often.

What to do if you find head lice?

- If you see lice/eggs, use a lice treatment shampoo and comb the head with a metal lice comb (made to remove lice) for two weeks or longer if needed to treat.
- The best way to get rid of lice is to use lice shampoo and then comb the head with a metal lice comb (specifically made to remove lice) every day for 2 weeks.
- Check all people living in your home for head lice also.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school nurse, Diane Peterson.

Mark Your Calendars --

Thursday, December 6, 2018 – Elmore Winter Concert

- Grades 5K, 2, 5 – 9am
- Grades 1, 3, 4 – 12:45pm

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 – Smart Cow Grassroots Day for Elmore

Thursday, December 13, 2018 – Holiday Store

