



# Elmore Elementary School

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## December/January 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

#### December

20 – Grade 3 Parent Event 1:15pm

21 – Grade 5 Parent Event 1:00pm

21 – Grade 4 Parent Event 1:30

25-January 1 Winter Break

#### January

2 – Classes Resume

5 – Parenting Seminar 1:00

10 – Student Council

11 – Group Picture Day

11 – Girls' Tech Club

15 – No School

19 – Parenting Seminar 1:00

25 – Spirit/Popcorn Day

25 – Girls' Tech Club

26 – Early release 12:30

#### February

1 – Family Math Night 5:30-6:30pm

2 – Parenting Seminar 1:00

6 – Early release 12:30

23 – No school

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Thanks to the parents that were able to attend the classroom events held in the past month. It was great to see so many families join their children and learn more about what's happening in your child(ren)'s classroom. Our next parent event is a school-wide Family Math Night on Thursday, February 1, from 5:30-6:30. We hope to see you there.

We continue to discuss personal responsibility and recognize those who take accountability for their choices. We discuss consequences, both good and negative, based on our choices. Taking time to discuss this at home would help support the life long importance of taking personal responsibility for one's actions.

We continue to brighten the hallway with our 98% attendance pictures and added a December attendance challenge by grade level. The grade level with the highest attendance percentage in December will earn an extra recess. Our attendance has really taken a dip in the past month. Please be sure that your child(ren) is at school daily unless they are ill. Children who have a fever over 100 or have vomited since midnight should stay home. Also be sure to call the office when your child is absent.

Thank you parents and families for all that you do to support your child(ren) each and every day.

Wishing you and your family a safe and joyful winter break!

Your Partner in Education.

**Parent Portal Accounts** – Be sure to update your contact information and check lunch account balances. If you need help getting up your account, please contact our LMS, Michelle Erickson, at 920-492-2615.



**Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)** — During the last week of December students were able to add their tickets to the aquarium by the office. The aquarium has 3 levels with incentives that the students were working towards. If tickets filled the first level all students at Elmore can wear pajamas to school. The second level filled means the students earned the chance to bring in a stuffed animal. The third level means that the students could watch a movie with their class. We want to thank all students who earned tickets and added them to the school aquarium. We SOAR!!



At Elmore, we acknowledge positive behavior when we see it. We are constantly encouraging and shaping behavior through our words and actions. Students who show SOAR (safe, organized, attentive listening, respectful/responsible) behavior will continue to earn tickets for positive behavior. Our December Shining Behavior board is beaming with bright lights too. Those student who are nominated are also posted on the Elmore Elementary Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Elmore-Elementary-School-1564405833868768/>. The students are enjoying their prizes and they are also enjoying having lunch on the stage. We are hoping to see every student's name on the board to promote expected behavior choices at Elmore. Way to go Elmore Eagle!

**Recess** – Be sure that your child(ren) are prepared for recess daily in the winter months. Students will need all snow gear including snow pants and boots to play in the snow. Please remind them to dress warm too. When the temperature is below zero with wind chill we will have indoor recess.

### **INTRA-DISTRICT TRANSFER WINDOW**

The application windows for students requesting to attend a different Green Bay Public School (other than the one in their attendance area) for the 2018-19 school year are as follows:

**Preference Window: January 2 – February 2, 2018**

Applications submitted during this window will be considered prior to those submitted through Open Enrollment.

**Additional Window: February 5 – April 30, 2018**

Applications submitted during this window will be considered at the same time as applications that are submitted through Open Enrollment. Information Letter and Application form:

- The information letter and application form can be found on the Green Bay Area Public School District webpage ([www.gbaps.org](http://www.gbaps.org)) by clicking on the Parents tab and then choosing Forms, or at a district school building starting December 1 2017.
- Applications will not be accepted before January 2, 2018. Forms received prior to the January 2 will be returned to you for re-submission.
- Applications should be submitted to: Green Bay Area Public School District, Central Registration – Room 116, 200 South Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54303, or Fax: 920-448-7325, or email attachment to [cr\\_changes@gbaps.org](mailto:cr_changes@gbaps.org).

- Students who have previously completed an Intra-District Transfer Application and were approved are not required to reapply unless the approval was for the current year only.
- Students who are continuing in their current school after a move to a new Green Bay Area Public School's attendance area do not need to apply for the Intra-District Transfer if the Change of Address Form was completed and approved.
- If you have any questions about the Intra-District Transfer process or if you want to check on whether or not your child needs to apply, please contact Jenny VandenPlas at 920-272-7069 or at [javandenplas@gbaps.org](mailto:javandenplas@gbaps.org).

**School Closings and Delays** - With the winter season here, I wanted to share some important reminders about school closings and delays.

**Notifications:**

- In order to ensure families are notified of a school closing or delay, the District will send out emails, automated phone calls and text messages to parents/guardians using our School Messenger notification system. If you have not "opted-in" to receive text messages, text "opt-in" or "subscribe" to 67587, if we have your cell phone number on record in Infinite Campus.
- The District will also notify the media, post the delay or closure on the District's/schools' websites, Facebook and Twitter.
- When schools close early due to inclement weather, the District will notify the media at least one hour before the first students are released. Parents are also encouraged to check the District's website, Facebook and Twitter accounts for up-to-date information.

**Early Dismissal:**

- When the District determines the early dismissal time, Elmore School will dismiss students at that time.
- For early dismissal days due to inclement weather, it is important that families have a plan in place. Students will not be dismissed prior to the assigned time unless parents/guardians pick them up.
- For parents/guardians who are working, it is necessary for your children and the school to have instructions regarding what they should do and where they will go, if you will be staying at work.

Finally, I want to remind families that parents/guardians can always determine if they would prefer their students remain home from school on inclement weather days, should the decision be made to not close schools. In addition, should you decide that you would prefer to pick your child up on an inclement weather day, if school will not be dismissed early, you may do that as well. In either case, please be sure to notify the school office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

**Spring Parent Teacher Conferences** – Our spring conferences will be on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, and Thursday, March 8, 2018. We will be using the online system for signing up. We will be sending home more user-friendly directions in February prior to the online window opening. If you need computer access there is a computer in the school office. Parents who do not sign up online will be assigned a time.

**Popcorn/Spirit Day** –Here is a list of dates for the school year.

\*January 25

\*March 29

\*May 31

\*February 22

\*April 26



Bags of popcorn can be purchased on spirit day for \$0.50 a bag.

Thank you Brook, Andrea, and Jill who were able to pop popcorn in November. Students who wear school spirit apparel or Elmore school colors of blue and yellow will have a chance to win a small prize too.

**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.

**Save the Dates –**

**Thursday, February 1, 2018 – Family Math Night**

**Thursday, March 15, 2018 – Spring Concert Grades 5K-Grade 5**

**Thursday, May 31, 2018 – Band/Orchestra/Recorder Concert Grades 4 and 5**

