



Elmore Elementary School

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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

January
16 – No School
25 – Yearbook orders due
26 – Spirit/Popcorn Day
27 – Early Release 12:30pm
29 – Bowling 11:00-2:00

February
6 – Hearing screening 4K, 5K, 1
17 – Early Release 12:30pm
21 – Parent/Teacher conferences
23 – Spirit/Popcorn Day
23 – Jump Rope for Heart
24 – No school

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

It was great to have all the students back after our winter break. Unfortunately, the weather was extremely cold our first week back and we were indoors for recess a number of days. We try to mix up the types of activities during indoor recess, and the classroom teachers incorporate multiple movement breaks throughout the day to help with our energy. We hope for some warmer winter weather in the upcoming weeks so the students can enjoy playing in the snow at recess. As a reminder, we do not go outside for recess when the temperature with wind chill is below zero.

Thank you to all of the families who took time to give feedback about after school options during our November conferences nights. We had 126 families who took the survey; and, of those, we had 78 families who are interested in more after-school options. At this time the after-school options for Elmore are the Boys and Girls Club for students age 7 and up and day cares for students of all ages. We are looking into short-term opportunities as we look at long-term solutions. If you were not able to take the survey and would like your voice to be heard, please contact your child's teacher and we can get you the survey.

We have an early release on January 27. The staff will be receiving professional learning in Restorative Practices and Add+Vantage Math Recovery (AVMR) assessments.

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

Your Partner in Education,
☺ Stacy Norman



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 2017-18 school year are as follows:

Preference Window: January 3 - February 3, 2017 – Application submitted during this window will be considered prior to those submitted through Open Enrollment.

Additional Window: February 6 - April 28, 2017 - 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) by clicking on the Parents tab and then choosing Forms, or at a district school building starting December 1, 2016.
- Applications will not be accepted before January 3, 2017.
- **Applications should be submitted to the Green Bay Area Public School District, Central Registration – Room 116, 200 South Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54303.**
- 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 were placed on a waiting list but *not accepted* for intra-district transfer during the 2016-17 school year *must reapply* if they wish to be considered for attendance at the requested school for the 2017-18 school year.
- Questions? Please contact Jenny VandenPlas at 920-272-7069.

Student Services Department – Mrs. Moriearty-Mleziva (Mrs. M&M) is our School Social Worker who is here 3 days a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday). She can be reached directly at (920) 272-7633. Some of you may be wondering what does a school social worker actually do at a school? Below is a list of some of the things that Mrs. M&M does at Elmore:

- Assists children and families with issues outside of school that can impact school success, including parenting issues, divorce/separation/family changes, poverty, homelessness, mental health, and peer issues/bullying
- Addresses truancy and chronic absenteeism
- Provides crisis intervention
- Provides brief counseling individually or in small groups to foster social skills, self-esteem, friendships or to talk about concerns
- Assesses self-harm statements and intervenes
- Refers families to services outside of school, including medical services, mental health services, and basic needs or social services programs
- Provides school supplies, clothing, Goodwill vouchers, hygiene items, and other items as needed
- Learning Support Team Member
- IEP Team Member (typically for SDD, EBD, and OHI evaluations)
- PBIS Tier 2 Facilitator
- Check-in Check-out (CICO) Coordinator

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) – We are continuing the new incentive in the lunchroom that awards class(es) displaying SOAR expectations with an extra recess. Mrs. Rodal's class won the extra recess in December. An all-school celebratory assembly was held on Thursday, December 22. The students competed against staff members in "Minute to Win It" games. The students were also able to save their SOAR tickets and submit them into a drawing to win a chance to play a "Pie in the Face" game against a staff member. This was definitely a highlight and very fun activity. Everyone participating had a blast!! Even the students and staff that had whipped cream on their faces were good sports! The assembly was closed out with an all school sing-a-long of Jingle Bells. During the month of January we will continue to practice the Safe, Organized, Attentive, Respectful and Responsible (SOAR) expectations with a focus on how to show respect to all adults at school. You could carry this theme over at home and talk to your child(ren) about your family's expectations for how to show respect to one another. We will have an all school assembly on respect and have the prize cart come around at the end of the month. In February we will have pink eagle tickets.



Defining Dads Group for January - Please join us for our Defining Dads Group! In November we talked about our values and how we pass those values along to our children. Dads, you have an impact on developing your child's self-esteem and character traits. By modeling honesty, kindness, and trustworthiness, your child will develop those traits. In January we'll discuss "What I care about" and how that impacts our children. We'll also be making 3D snowflakes for your kids.

Bring your children and enjoy some pizza provided by Little Caesars Pizza.

***When:** Wednesday, January 18

***Time:** 5:30 - 7:00 pm

***Where:** Healthy Families (Family Services of NEW), 1822 Riverside Dr., Green Bay

For more information or to let us know you will be attending, call Terry Wolfgram, Fatherhood Educational Specialist at Healthy Families Program of Family Services of NEW, at [920-436-4416](tel:920-436-4416), Ext. 110 or [920-819-4644](tel:920-819-4644).

Winter Weather – When the weather is below zero with wind chill we will be indoors for recess. Students will need snow pants, boots and the rest of their winter gear to go on the snow hills and play in the field during the winter season. If you need help getting winter clothing, please contact Amanda Moriearty-Mleziva, School Social Worker at (920) 272-7633.

“Elmore Elementary School” Facebook Page – Please check out Elmore’s Facebook page. Here is a link to the page: <https://www.facebook.com/Elmore-Elementary-School-1564405833868768/>. We had a number of new “likes” this month with the Packer pictures and video we posted recently. We will continue to regularly post pictures of the great things going on at Elmore in our classrooms. As a reminder, if you checked M-A, M-B or M-C on the Media and Video Recording Release Opt-Out Form at the beginning of the year, your child’s photos will not be posted on social media.

Holiday Store Recap– We had a very successful Holiday Store in December. A special thank you to the following volunteers who made it happen:

- Kelly Brickman
- Bradley Beckstrom
- Tammy Brunette
- Emily Belonge
- Miyuki Hagino
- Zeta Martinez
- Hannah Duffey
- Jaime Wasserman
- Tom VanErmer
- Dottie VanErmer
- Andrea Byng
- Brook Vaness
- Patti Martens
- Yvonne Lawson
- Nicole Joachim
- Rachel Porath
- Miranda Scray
- Jennifer Vang
- Belinda Harvey

We will accept donations for next year’s holiday store at any time. If you find new items that you would like to donate to the Holiday Store for the 2017-18 school year, please place them in a labeled bag and send them to school. Although it was nice to try something new this year with the Penguin Patch, we found the kids were more drawn to the \$1 items we purchased.

5th Grade Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball – This year we have girls’ and boys’ basketball teams. Our girls’ basketball coach is Coach Ruben and the boys’ basketball coach is Mr. Corey. As a reminder, students who would like to come support our team on game days will need to have an adult present to attend the games. Games start between 4:00-4:15 on game days. Here is a list of the games for the rest of the season:

- **Boys’ Schedule**
- Tuesday, January 17 – Elmore at King
- Tuesday, January 24 – Chappell at Elmore
- Tuesday, January 31 – Lincoln at Elmore
- Tuesday, February 7 – Fort Howard at Elmore
- Tuesday, February 28 – Keller at Elmore
- **Girls’ Schedule**
- Thursday, January 19 - Chappell at Elmore
- Thursday, January 26 – Elmore at Lincoln
- Thursday, February 2 – Elmore at Tank
- Thursday, February 9 – Elmore at Keller
- Thursday, February 16 – Kennedy at Elmore
- Thursday, February 23 – Elmore at Jackson

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.

Free Vaccines for ALL Children – The Brown County Health Department is offering free vaccines for ALL children on January 26. Here is more information:

- **Where** - 610 S. Broadway Street – Green Bay
- **When** - Thursday, January 26th
- **Time** - 3:00-6:00pm

This is a walk-in clinic, so no appointment is needed. There will be translators available for Hmong, Somali and Spanish speakers. If you don't know what shots your child needs staff will look up records at the clinic. Call 448-6400 and press #3 for further questions.

February/March Conferences – Please note that our next conferences dates are Tuesday, February 21, and Thursday, March 2. This is not an error in the calendar -- there is a full week between conferences. We will again have computers set up in the entrance outside the gym to complete our annual Title 1 survey during both conference nights. Families who take the survey the night of conferences will receive a raffle ticket and be entered into a drawing for various gift cards. We appreciate those families who take the time to give feedback to help us create a school success plan with feedback from all stakeholders.

In the Giving Spirit - Mrs. Gerlikowski's fifth grade would like to send a big thank you to the Aurora Laboratories. They collected and donated supplies to their classroom. Kara Brown headed the project titled, Helping Hands. She brought the donations to Elmore on December 21. Thank you Aurora!



