



Elmore Elementary School

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November 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

November

8 - Student Council Meeting 2:30-3:15

9- Veterans Day Assembly – 9:00am

9 – Girls Tech Club 2:30-3:30

14 – Parent Teacher Conferences and Book Fair

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17 – **Early Release 12:30 dismissal**

20 – Grade 1 Feast Parent Event 12:30pm

22-24 - No School

29 – Internet Safety Presentation 1:00-2:30pm

30 – Popcorn/Spirit Day

December

1 - Kindergarten Classroom Event 1:30pm

4 - Read Like a Champion Bingo Begins

6- Kindergarten Field Trip

11-4K Parent Event **AM- 10:00am**
PM 1:45pm

13 - Student Council Meeting 2:30-3:15

14 – Tech Girls 2:30-3:30

15 – **Early Release 12:30pm Dismissal**

20 – Grade 3 Parent Event 1:15pm

21 – Grade 5 Parent Event 1:00pm

25-January 1 Winter Break

January 2 – Classes Resume

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Thanks to the parents that attended the Donuts and Coffee with the Principal. We went through a brief overview of Restorative Practices and Growth Mindset. We also discussed the attendance goals for the year. The biggest take away from the meeting was the power of using the word “yet” with our children. “You can’t do it yet but what can we do to try another way.” When your child(ren) say they can’t do something, help shift the focus to the process. Comment on their effort or concentration. “You’ve been concentrating very hard on the drawing!”

We have an early release day on November 17. Part of the time will be spent with staff discussing how we use Restorative Practices in our classrooms and then working in teams to develop new ideas for circles. We will spend the majority of the time working in grade level teams to continue the development of integrated units of study. Unit Design is integrating Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) with literacy and math common core state standards (CCSS) into a unit.

In the month of October our playground cameras were installed on the back playground area. It has been very helpful already to help support safe behaviors not only at recess but before school. It is also nice to see the kids who wave regularly to see if I am ever watching the camera.

Mr. Gary from the NED show did an excellent job of relaying the important message of NED. N=Never give up, E=Encourage others and D=Do your best. Mr. Gary was able to weave in growth mindset language and our SOAR acronym. Mr. Gary left Elmore 5 NED Show yo-yo’s to be part of our next PBIS drawing boxes. It was a wonderful engaging assembly for our students. Check out our Facebook page for some pictures.

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

Volunteers – Background checks are required to volunteer at all Green Bay Area Public Schools. This includes spending time in your child’s classroom and chaperoning field trips. If you are planning to volunteer or chaperone field trips, remember you need to have a cleared background check on file. Background checks are done online and typically take up to 10 business days and are good for 2 years. You can find the Background Check Form on the Elmore website or the GBAPS website <http://www.gbaps.org/cms/one.aspx?pageld=529633>.

November Conferences – Please note we have moved to an online sign up. The directions went home in the Tuesday envelopes with the youngest and only students on October 24 and a school messenger went out as a reminder. Those parents who did not sign up online were assigned times and dates by the teachers where they had openings.

Parent Portal – At open house one of the stations was opening a parent portal account. Parents are able to update emergency contacts, addresses, phone numbers, and check their attendance record and child(ren)’s lunch account balance. We offered some times in September and October to set up accounts with our Library Media Specialist (LMS), Michelle Erickson. Feel free to stop in and use the computer in the office to set up your account, if you have not done so yet or you can contact our LMS, Michelle Erickson at 920-492-2615.

Recycling Milk Cartons – We have started recycling milk cartons in our breakfast and lunchroom. Cartons are easily recyclable and in high demand by manufacturers of recycled products. After cartons are collected they are taken to a materials recycling facility to be sorted and baled. The bales of recycled cartons are then shipped to paper mills, where the cartons are mixed with water in a gigantic blender to extract all the paper fiber. These recycled carton paper fibers are a valuable resource for making products such as recycled paper products and even building materials. For more information on how cartons are recycled visit www.RecycledCartons.com.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) -- Elmore students were able to use their earned SOAR tickets in early October to shop on the prize cart. They were excited to gain something tangible for their hard work. We will continue to work on encouraging and reinforcing SOAR behaviors all school year. Elmore students will have another opportunity to spend their tickets in raffle drawings at the end of November. Game day will also be back again this year. Students will be able to choose time in a center at the end of November. Look for more information about the specifics of game day in a future Tuesday envelope. Thank you for your continued support at home of PBIS and SOAR behaviors at school.



Colder Weather - As a reminder, it is getting colder outside and it is recommended that students bring in an extra sweatshirt to keep in their locker. It is GBAPS district policy that students do not wear jackets in the classroom.

Processing Room – In October we added a daily processing room. The processing room gives the immediate time to reteach and discuss SOAR expectations. Each of the students who go to the processing room meet with the adults supervising the room to discuss what happened and what they could do differently in the future. It also gives a place to sort

through some of the recess and/or lunchroom concerns so students are ready to head back to class timely.

GBAPS Vacancies – Throughout the school year there are times that there are no substitutes, due to a decrease in the number of substitutes for Clerical, Paraprofessionals and Noon Hour Supervisors in the past 5 years. If you are interested in substituting at Elmore or any of the Green Bay Area Public Schools please apply for the substitute positions. The Green Bay Public School District uses an online application system, Wisconsin Educational Career Access Network (**WECAN**) to accept applications for all vacancies. In order to make application for employment with the District, you will need to have an active WECAN account and proceed through the online application process. Here is the link to WECAN: <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu/#/>.



Elmore School Social Worker– Mrs. Moriearty-Mleziva, better known to most as Mrs. M&M, joined the Elmore Team in September 2012. She spends most of her time assisting students and parents to address issues outside of school that may impact school success, including parenting issues, divorce/separation/family changes, poverty, homelessness, mental health, and peer issues/bullying. Mrs. M&M is Elmore's main point of contact for any concerns about attendance, including truancy or frequent absences. Mrs. M&M is part of our crisis team, responding when students are struggling emotionally or behaviorally. She provides brief counseling individually or in small groups on topics like social skills, self-esteem, and friendship. Mrs. M&M provides school supplies, clothing,

Goodwill vouchers, and hygiene items, as well as referrals to services outside of school for basic needs, medical and mental health services, and social services programs. In addition to working with students and families, Mrs. M&M is part of Elmore's Learning Support Team, is the Facilitator for Tier 2 PBIS (Check-In Check-Out program), and is an IEP team member for a number of our students. For the first time ever, Mrs. M&M now works at Elmore five days a week. You can contact her by email (armorieartymleziva@gbaps.org), by calling her direct line (272-7633), or by setting up a meeting with her in the main office.

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. If your child boards a daycare van after school, please also let the day care center know if your child will not be going to daycare. Safety is our number one priority and we need to be informed to be sure your child gets home safely.

Spring Concerts – Our spring concert will be on Thursday, March 15, 2018, and our band and orchestra concert and recorder concert is scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 2018.

Popcorn/Spirit Day – We will have popcorn/spirit days the last Thursday of each month. Here is a list of dates for the school year.

*November 30

*February 22

*April 26

*January 25

*March 29

*May 31



Bags of popcorn can be purchased on spirit day for \$0.50 a bag. Please note this is change from the past. This will help offset the decrease in our fundraiser sales. Thank you Brook, Andrea, Kelly and Tammy who were able to pop popcorn in October. Students who wear school spirit apparel or Elmore school colors of blue and yellow will have a chance to win a small prize too.

Bullfrogs Reading Program – We were contacted by the Bullfrogs organization about their reading program. The Bullfrogs will provide all materials needed to get the program off the ground. Any student that completes the reading goal will receive two free bleacher tickets to a Bullfrogs game. If you are interested in organizing the program for Elmore, please let your child's teacher know and we can get you the information.

Save the Dates –

Thursday, November 9 – Veterans Day Assembly at 9:00am

November 14 and November 16 – Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 29 – Internet Safety Presentation from 1:00-2:30pm

October Prize Box Give Away – Here were the winners:

