



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

11 - Veterans' Program
15 - Picture retake day
15 - Parent/teacher conferences
17 - Elmore Spirit Day
17 - Parent/teacher conferences
18 - early release 12:30
23-25 - no school -Thanksgiving

December

8 - Holiday concert
16 - early release 12:30
22 - holiday store
26-2 - winter break

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Parent –Teacher conferences are coming up quickly. All students have been given an appointment time to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher. Please be sure to call and reschedule if something comes up and you are no longer able to make your appointment time. Elmore is in the initial stages of moving towards an online parent sign up. For our fall conferences we had the teachers work with the program and see how to use the program. In spring parents will be able to reschedule conferences if they no longer can make the date and time they signed up for in fall. We hope to have parent sign up online school wide in the 2017-18 school year.

As a reminder, we have a number of volunteer opportunities for parents. If you plan on volunteering at school for events or chaperone field trips, please be sure you have a current background check on file. We have moved to an online process. 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. Please note background checks can take up to 2 weeks to process.

We will begin our Elmore Spirit Day again this year beginning in November. Spirit days are typically the last Thursday of each month. Students are encouraged to wear Elmore apparel or Elmore's school colors of blue and gold. If we have enough volunteers we will be able to start popcorn in **January** on spirit days. Please contact the school office if you are interested in popping popcorn for spirit days starting in January. We have a limited supply of Elmore apparel but hope to work with a new company to bring a new line of apparel in the January.

We have an early release on November 18. The staff will be receiving professional learning in Restorative Practices and work on embedding Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) into their Units of Study.

Our 98% attendance wall is up between Room 110 and the gym entrance. Each month we take pictures of the students at each grade level who have 98% or better attendance.

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,
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December Winter Choral Concert –Thursday, December 8

- 5K, 2, 5 Winter Concert Time - 8:45-9:45am
- 1, 3, 4 Concert Time – 1:15 – 2:15pm

Parental Information and Resource Center (PIRCs) - PIRC's are federally-funded nonprofit organizations that provide training, information, and technical assistance to parents, parent organizations, and schools to build partnerships to benefit children. Each state has at least one Parental Information and Resource Center. Federal law requires that parents be informed of the state organization. In Wisconsin, the PIRC is called Parents Plus, and it is located in Milwaukee. Its mission is to educate, train, and support parents, educators, service providers, and community members throughout Wisconsin to strengthen families, promote student success, and achieve optimal childhood outcomes. For more information and to view their newsletter, go to their website at www.parentspluswi.org.

Dental Resources Available - Don't forget to call Oral Health Partnership to schedule your child's regular dental cleaning! It is important to us for your child to have a cavity-free holiday season! 920-965-0831

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) – During the month of October we continued to practice our Safe, Organized, Attentive, Respectful and Responsible (SOAR) behaviors and did re-teaching when needed. These behaviors are practiced in all areas of our school including the playground, bathrooms, and the lunchroom.

The students have been earning their Eagle Pride tickets for showing SOAR behavior around school. The students were given the chance to brainstorm as grade levels and submit low-cost or no-cost options for rewards. The favorite ideas this month have been the chance to sit in an office chair for a week and an opportunity to have their lunch on the stage.

Parents, these SOAR behaviors we teach at school can also be used in your homes as well as in the community. Feel free to ask your children how they are showing SOAR behaviors at school; it could be a great conversation starter! You could also ask them what rewards they might like to earn for good behavior at home. Remember that rewards do NOT have to cost any money. Children often most enjoy the gift of time, so rewards like playing a game with a family member, going to the park together, or baking cookies together can be very motivating.

In November, students with good behavior will earn the chance to play a game for thirty minutes during Game Day. Please encourage your child(ren) to continue their positive behavior at school!

Elmore's 1st After School Holiday Cookie Decorating Event - On November 22, 2016, students of Elmore Elementary are invited to a cookie-decorating event. Each student who signs up will be able to decorate one holiday cookie of his or her choice to take home and enjoy. Deadline for your student(s) to sign up is November 18, 2016. Flyers went home in the Tuesday envelope. We are looking for donations of holiday cutout cookies, frosting and sprinkles. In addition, we could use some additional parent volunteers to help students decorate cookies from 2:30-3:30.

Excusing Absences and Vacations - Good attendance for all students is a priority at Elmore Elementary School. We know that students learn best when they are in school every day. However, we know that sometimes absences are unavoidable. District policy allows a parent/guardian to excuse a child from school a maximum of 10 school days in a school year. The District may request a written excuse from a doctor to excuse days beyond 10 absences. Please remember to call school to excuse your child's absence when your child is unable to attend school due to illness, appointments, funerals, or for any other reason. If your family is planning a vacation, you will need to complete the Parent Request for a Pre-Excused Absence form (available in the office) and return the form to school as soon as possible. If you have any questions, or if you are concerned about your child's attendance, please contact our school social worker, Mrs. M&M.

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.

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.

