



Elmore Elementary School

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October 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

October

- 11—Student Council 2:30-3:15
- 13 – 5K Field Trip – Hillside Orchard
- 13 – Early Release 12:30 dismissal
- 17 – Fundraiser orders due
- 18 – Grade 5 Phuture Phoenix Day
- 23 – Grade 2 Field Trip – Heritage Hill
- 26 – Spirit/Popcorn day
- 26 - Girls Tech Club
- 26 – Family Roller Skating Event – Rola-Rena 4:00-6:00
- 27 – No School

November

- 8 - Student Council Meeting 2:30-3:15
- 9- Veterans Day Assembly – 9:00am
- 9 – Girls Tech Club
- 14 – Parent Teacher Conferences and Book Fair
- 16 – Parent Teacher Conferences and Book Fair
- 17 – **Early Release 12:30 dismissal**
- 22-24 - **No School**
- 29 – Internet Safety Presentation 1:00-2:30pm

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Thanks to the parents that attended the Title 1 Fall Family Event at the end of September. During our event we explained our Title 1 plan for the 2017-18 school year. One of the items that parents wanted to learn more about was growth mindset. This will be a topic of discussion at the Donuts and Coffee with the Principal on October 23 from 7:45-8:30am. Please fill out the RSVP form in the Tuesday envelope if you are able to attend.

We have our first Early Release on October 13. Early Release afternoons are used for staff to deepen their understanding and work collaboratively on best practices. Throughout the 2017-18 school year Elmore staff will be receiving more professional learning in AddVantage Math Recovery (AVMR), Unit Design, Restorative Practices and Growth Mindsets. AVMR assessments help educators organize small groups and identify students' strengths and areas of need in mathematics. It then provides guidance on ways to deepen mathematical knowledge and strategy development in students. Unit Design is integrating Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) with literacy and math common core state standards (CCSS) into a unit. Restorative Practices look at how to build a culture of community in schools.

The NED show will be returning this year at Elmore on October 31. The NED show will once again be a "Pay it Forward" assembly that will have Yo-Yo's for sale after the performance. The assembly will focus on positive behavior, having a growth mindset to grow to overcome obstacles, setting goals in and out of school and making good choices. More information will be coming home soon.

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

Every Day Counts - At Elmore Elementary School, we continue to focus on the importance of students' attendance. Many parents don't realize how important good attendance is for student success. Elmore's average attendance rate last year was 94%, meaning the average student missed 10 days of school. Forty-three of our students missed more than 18 days last year, which is just two days per month but amounts to ten percent of the total school year. Studies have shown that students who miss this much school in the early grades fall behind their peers in reading and are more likely to drop out of high school. We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable. If a student is truly ill, we want them to stay home and get well. Other times students miss school because of issues like unreliable transportation, limited access to health and dental care, difficult morning routines, or unstable housing and other financial issues. We want you to know that we are here to help if your family encounters any of these issues. Please call our school social worker, Amanda Moriearty-Mleziva ("Mrs. M&M"), at 272-7633 if you are struggling with your child's attendance. We do not want to see any child at Elmore fall behind due to attendance. Please check the bulletin board across from the main office each month for attendance information and updates. This month, we are sharing ten facts about school attendance.



Basketball Coaches Needed - The Elmore School basketball season is around the corner. We are in need of head and assistant coaches for the 5th grade Boys and Girls Basketball teams. The first coaches' meeting is November 21, 2017, at 4:15 pm in the LMC at Wilder Elementary. We cannot have teams without coaches. Both boys' and girls' teams will have practices beginning in late November. The practices typically take place right after school lets out and games take place from 4:00-5:15pm. Coaches will need to have a cleared background check on file prior to practice beginning. The teams will play 8 games beginning the first week of January and running through the week of February 19-22. Please contact the main office for more information.

Toys at Schools- Please note that we do not allow toys from home to be brought to school, unless it is part of a school-wide or class reward.

Bus – There was an unexpected change in bus drivers for this school year. Thank you to Larae who was able to fill in during the transition until Bruce was ready to take over the route. Bruce started the first week in October. Thank you for your patience and understanding during the transition. Here are the bus expectations:

We will be safe on our bus by:

- Staying in our seats
- Keeping all our body parts inside the bus and to ourselves
- Listening to our driver

We will be respectful on our bus by:

- Being kind in words and actions
- Using an inside voice
- Keeping the bus clean
- Not eating or drinking on the bus



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?pageId=529633>.

Computer in the Elmore Office – In September a new monitor and keyboard was placed in the office for parents that need computer access. Feel free to stop in and use the computer when needed.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) — The students have been busy showing SOARING behavior throughout the school building. They are starting to use their Eagle tickets to purchase items off the PBIS shopping cart. In the upcoming weeks the PBIS team will meet and discuss additional activities for the year and ways to recognize the students that show SOARING behavior with few to no reminders, as well as re-teaching options for those students who need additional support. It is important that all students recognize their role in the classroom and at school to ensure safety is shown throughout the school building. At home you could discuss with your child(ren) the importance of safety at home and discuss how it looks different at school with such a large number of people in a school building.



Adult Education for Green Bay Area Public School Parents - The following classes are now available to parents of students in Green Bay Schools! This is part of a collaborative effort between GBAPS, NWTC, and Literacy Green Bay.

Welding

- Scholarships and payment plans available
- Offered at West High, Evening hours
- Call Mercedes Sanchez [920-491-2693](tel:920-491-2693)

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

- Scholarships and payment plans available
- Offered at West High, Evening hours
- Call Mercedes Sanchez [920-491-2693](tel:920-491-2693)



English Language Classes

- FREE, During the day
- Call Kelly Severson at 920-435-2474 Ext. 108

GED and GED for English Language Learners

- FREE, East and west side locations, Afternoon/evening hours
- Call Holli Lewandowski [920-498-5657](tel:920-498-5657)

Here is an important message from the Teaching and Learning Department-

Dear Parents and Guardians,



The Green Bay Area Public School Teaching and Learning Department is in the process of aligning our Gifted and Talented procedures and practices to reflect consistency and accountability across all district schools.

One of our goals is to account for all students who do not currently have an active Differentiated Education Plan (DEP) but have received gifted and talented services during the 2016-2017 school year and/or had been potentially selected to receive services beginning in September 2017. Parents of children that are in our current gifted and talented data bank, without a written Differentiated Education Plan (DEP), will be receiving notification that their child will be administered the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) as part of their child's gifted and talented portfolio.

We are making every attempt to account for all students who previously received gifted and talented services. If you do not receive notification from the district's assessment department by October 13, 2017, and your child received service between 2016-2017, please call Stephen Miller at (920) 272-7087. Your child will then be added to the assessment roster.

This data will be used to better inform educators on your child's learning needs. All students serviced in 2016-2017 that complete the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) will receive gifted and talented services. Once the assessment is completed, the next step will be to develop a Personal Learning Plan (PLP) for your child. The Multi-Level System of Support process is used to monitor programming and student learning outcomes. Your child's school principal and/or Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher (GTRT) will be contacting you with additional information regarding your participation in this process.

Please contact your school principal, Stacy Norman, or your GTRT, Sara Hoefs, if you have any additional questions. Thank you for your patience as these critical adjustments are being implemented.

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.

*October 26	*January 25	*April 26
*November 30	*February 22	*May 31
*December 21	*March 29	



Bags of popcorn can be purchased on spirit day for \$0.25 a bag. There is a limit of 4 bags per student. Students who wear school spirit apparel or Elmore school colors of blue and yellow will have a chance to win a small prize too.

“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/>.

Holiday Store – We will not have a Holiday Store this school year. In year's past this activity along with a number of other school activities were organized and managed by the Parent Organization. At this time we still do not have parents willing to start up a parent organization. If you interested in starting up a parent organization at Elmore, please contact your child's teacher or the main office.

Box Tops - We are always collecting box tops at Elmore. To help our school, just look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and send them to school. For more information on the Box Tops for Education program, including a list of participating products and our school's progress, visit www.BTFE.com. Be sure to become a member to receive exclusive coupons and recipes and learn about extra ways for our school to earn. Please continue to send them in to school throughout the school year. Our first submission window closes at the end of the month of October and will need to be sent in by November 1.



Spring Concert – Each year we rotate between a winter holiday concert and a spring concert. This year we will be having a spring concert. Please watch next month's newsletter for a date.



Elmore Student Learning Advocate – Mr. Corey joined the Elmore Team in September 2016. He spends time in classrooms supporting student learning; and, at recess, he can be found on the playground or in his room pulling small groups of students or individual students to support student engagement. At times he works one on one with students, and he also facilitates check in and check out for a small number of students daily.

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 –

Monday, October 23 -- Donuts and Coffee with the Principal 7:45-8:30am
Thursday, October 26 – Family Roller Skating Event at Rola Rena
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

