



# 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

### **October**

4 – Picture Retake Day

9 – Student Council Meeting 2:30pm

10 – Walk to School Day

- 7:00am

10- Grade 5 Phuture Phoenix

12 - Early Release Day for Students

12:30am Student Dismissal

19 – Box Tops Due

25 – Popcorn/spirit day

26 – NO SCHOOL

30 – Marcus Fundraiser Starts

### **November**

6 – Elmore Story Time

10:50-11:20am – LMC

8 – Veteran's Day Assembly

9:00am – Gym

13 – Parent/Teacher

Conferences/Book Fair

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16 – Marcus Fundraiser Due

20 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester

21-23 No School

27 – Popcorn/spirit day

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

It is hard to believe that we are already a month into the school year! The kids have been busy the first month of the year practicing routines and procedures, making new friends and taking on new learning in all academic areas. Students' artwork is being put up around the school and it is starting to look more like our Elmore home.

We have adopted a new mathematics resource called Bridges. We have made a school-wide decision to not send the homework component home with students at this time. The new resource has a calendar component at all grade levels called Number Corner. Ask your child about what they are learning in Number Corner.

We have a school-wide Facebook page titled Elmore Elementary School Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ElmoreElementary/>. Check it out to see some pictures from the month of September in various parts of the building.

Thank you to all the parents who expressed interest in volunteering and supporting a Family Support Organization (FSO). We hope to have a board assembled in the upcoming weeks. We appreciate the high volume of families who returned the FSO interest letter that went home in late September.

We will continue to collect Box Tops and have another Marcus fundraiser. We received a large volume of high interest level texts for each of the classrooms. We will be using part of the money raised from Box Tops to purchase some new classroom library book boxes to hold the new books.

Thank you to parents and families for all that you do to support your child(ren) each and every day. When we work together our kids succeed.

Your Partner in Education,

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**Volunteering** – Elmore volunteers have an important impact on our school and community. For the safety of our students, all volunteers are required to pass a background check that is good for two years. In Fall of 2016, as a district we moved to an online application. If you are interested in volunteering and want to start a background check:

- Go to “gbaps.org”
- Click on either the “Parents” or “Our Community” tab
- Click on the “Volunteer Opportunities” tab located on the left side of the page
- Click on the “SecureVolunteer” link near the bottom of the page

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. We have a computer in the front office for your convenience too.



### **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports**

**(PBIS)** – The month of September was filled with lots of reteaching in all areas of the school, from the classrooms to the recess and lunch hours and hallways. Students earn eagle tickets for showing expected behavior throughout the

school day. They will be able to use those tickets to purchase items off the prize cart.

We had great success with our first Trait Day on Monday, September 17. The purpose of Trait Day is to create a sense of community at Elmore and positive relationships across the grade levels. Staff members worked with students 4K-5 in groups of about 12 students each. The groups did an ice breaker and discussed kindness towards students and adults. We have a few bumps to work out before our next Trait Day event; but, overall, it was a huge success for our students and staff.

We will again recognize students with excellent behavior by nominating students for the Web of Wonderful Behavior Board outside the gym in the month of October. Students who are nominated will have their name on display on a special template for the month. We are hoping to see every student’s name on these walls to promote positive behavior choices at Elmore.



**Snacks and Birthday Treats** – We have a wellness plan that is required by Wisconsin’s Department of Public Instruction. We are encouraging parents to provide a healthy snack along with healthy birthday treats. Our day is packed with academics; and, although we appreciate the thought of celebrating students on their special day, we are requesting healthier treats and no full meal birthday treats such as pizza for birthday celebrations. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your child’s teacher.

**Coats for Kids** - If your child is in need of a new winter coat this year, you can sign up for the Coats for Kids program at The Salvation Army (626 Union Court) on the following dates:)

- Thursday October 11 (3-7 PM)
- Monday October 15 (9 AM-3PM)
- Saturday October 20 (9AM-1PM)

If you are also in need of Christmas Assistance (Toys for Tots and food baskets), you can sign up at the same times. To apply for Christmas Assistance, you will need to bring picture

ID for all adults in the home, proof of address, and birth certificates for all children in the household. Please call The Salvation Army at 497-7053 with any questions.

**Title I Program** - We are fortunate to have a special program called Title I at our school. Title I is a federal program that provides money to school districts to help children become successful learners. The purpose of Title I is to provide educational services for children who need extra help. Title I serves students and families in 18 public and 10 private schools in Green Bay.

All 18 public Title I schools operate as “school-wide programs”. A School-wide program may use Title I funds to serve all students in the school, regardless of academic need. The school must have a specific plan to explain how it will use Title I funds to improve the educational program. At Elmore School we are working to make improvements in the following areas: Mathematics, Literacy and how we treat one another at school.

Our school district is required to review whether our Title I programs are effective. Schools need to show that students are making progress toward meeting the state standards. We hold a meeting each spring to share our progress and goal outcomes with parents. All parents are invited and we hope to see you there.

Parent involvement is a very important part of Title I. Parents are encouraged to be involved in their children’s education and to participate in planning the Title I program. Parent participation is required and welcomed. If you are interested in participating in important Title I decisions or have ideas for how we can improve our program, please contact Elmore’s principal, Stacy Norman at 492-2615.



**Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Grade 2 Students** - Between October 29 and November 13, 2018, our school will be administering the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) to your child in Grade 2. This is a screening test that the Green Bay Area Public School District is administering to all students to give the school additional information on how best to serve your child. The CogAT provides a snapshot of your child’s abilities in the areas of verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal functioning. The nonverbal battery tests a student’s reasoning abilities and does not require the student to use information gained from other experiences to solve problems. The CogAT takes approximately 55 minutes and is administered on a computer.

Participation is voluntary. Please contact the Principal if you do not wish to have your student participate.

We expect to receive the testing results in November 2018. At that time, a copy of your child's results will be shared with you. You can find information from the publisher of this assessment at [www.cogat.com](http://www.cogat.com).

**Student Absences** – Be sure to call in your child's absence. The office can be a very busy place in the AM but you can always leave a message on the voicemail with your child's name, their teacher and the reason for absence. Thank you!



**No More Online Processing Fees** - Starting October 1, the District will no longer be charging the \$1.95 online processing fee when parents make payments through parent portal for school fees or food service meals. As a reminder, online payments are made through the Infinite Campus parent portal and a \$15 minimum payment will now be required. If you do not have a parent portal account, please contact the Help Desk at 448-2148.

**Popcorn/Spirit Day** – Thank you to Brook, Matt, Rachel and Jill for popping our September popcorn. We made a \$50 profit this month, which goes right into our field trip budget. Our next popcorn day is scheduled for Thursday, October 25. Bags of popcorn can be purchased on spirit day for \$0.50 a bag. \$0.25 of each bag sold goes back to the school for field trips for students. Students who wear school spirit apparel or Elmore school colors of blue and yellow will have a chance to win a small prize too. Check out our September winners on the Elmore Facebook page.



### Mark Your Calendars

**Wednesday, October 10, 2018** – Walk to School Day  
**Thursday, October 25, 2018** – Popcorn/Spirit Day  
**Friday, October 26, 2018** – No School  
**Thursday, November 8** – Veteran's Day Performance  
**Thursday, December 6, 2018** – Elmore Winter Concert  
**Tuesday, December 11, 2018** – Smart Cow Grassroots Day for Elmore



