



Elmore Elementary School

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September 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

September

- 11 – Annual Title 1 Fall Meeting/
Parent Organization Meeting
 - 6-7pm
- 13 – Picture Day
- 13 - Annual Title 1 Fall Meeting/
Parent Organization Meeting
 - 2:45-3:45pm
- 25 – School Wide Safety Walk
 - 8:30am
- 27 – Popcorn/spirit day

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

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Welcome to 2018-19 school year at Elmore. We had a wonderful start to the school year, despite the rain and humidity. A special thank you to the parents and families that were able to attend our annual Open House event on Wednesday, August 29. We had a total of 569 visitors, WOW! We hope you are able to join us for our annual Fall Title 1 Meeting/Parent Organization meeting this week either Tuesday or Thursday.

Many families noticed the positive message in our bathrooms and in our hallways on Open House night. Thank you to Mrs. Vardigan and Mrs. Kihntopf for creating and adding the messages to our school. As one student put it, "It makes me smile when I read the message and puts me in a good mood." We will continue to work on kindness and common courtesies this year. Thank you to the families who have been supporting this same thing at home.

We will have a safety walk on Tuesday, September 25, at 8:30am. This is an opportunity for our students to walk to our rally points in case we would ever need to leave our building. Elmore has 3 different rally points:

- Annunciation - corner of Gray St. and Kellogg St.
- Capital Credit Union parking lot - Velp Ave. and Gray St.
- St. Paul's United Methodist Church - corner of Wilson Ave. and Kellogg St.

Let's hope the weather will be clear, sunny skies for our walk.

Thank you to parents and families for all that you do to support your child(ren) each and every day. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. When we work together our kids succeed.



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!

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) -- Welcome to another exciting school year! We have many great things planned for our students this year. Here at Elmore we value our positive relationships that teachers have with their students and that students have with each other. A

new activity that the PBIS team will be implementing this year is called **Trait Day**. Staff members will work with all students 4K through 5th grade several times during the school year for a 30-minute lesson. These lessons focus on building community and positive relationships. Staff will work with these groups to support them and help the students feel more connected to each other across grade levels. Our goal is to help your child feel safe and happy, while also having fun and building friendships along the way.

Families play an important role in building relationships too. Talking with your child about their school day strengthens the bond between home and school. During the first month of school have conversations with your child. Ask them about their day with some of these questions:

- What was your favorite part of the school day?
- Who did you play with today?
- Who is your friend in the classroom and at recess?
- What did you have a problem with today?

We appreciate your willingness to support our PBIS goals.



What is Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)? - CEP is a USDA program allowing students within a building to receive their first breakfast and first lunch of the day at 0 cost to them, regardless of their family’s ability to pay for meals. Students are still free, reduced, or paid eligible for other sources such as AGR/SAGE funding, school fee waivers, and grant funding. Elmore is a CEP School this year along with 20 other GBAPS. How was Elmore selected? Each year, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) collects data to show how many students enrolled in each school are also enrolled in State benefits. This year, Elmore student population had enrolled in State benefits at a higher level, allowing the Food Service Department to make this program available. For 2017-18, Elmore was 47.88% and for 2018-19 was 58.23% of students enrolled in State benefit programs (per DPI). Please note that students who just take a milk for lunch will be charged \$0.40 as that is not a meal.

Sandals – Students have been wearing sandals; and, although cute, students need to have shoes for gym and to play on the playground equipment. Please be sure that your child has tennis shoes at school for gym class as well as a pair of socks. Students that wear sandals will not be allowed on the woodchips and playground equipment due to safety concerns. High heeled shoes also pose a safety risk so please refrain from wearing them to school.

Elementary Monitor in GBAPS - Would you love to have the flexibility to work during school hours and be able to be home when your children are home from school? Consider a job as an Elementary School Monitor. We have openings in a variety of our schools. We pay \$16.24 per hour, and you are eligible for dental and life insurance as well as sick leave and holiday pay. Positions of 20 hours per week or greater are also eligible for medical insurance. You will be off during the summer and during holiday breaks. You will be rewarded by knowing that you are supporting students to do their best each day. If interested, please apply on WECAN:

<https://wecan.education.wisc.edu/#/>. If you have any questions, please call Randy Etten, Director of Human Resources, at (920) 448-3588 or email him at rwetten@gbaps.org.

Popcorn/Spirit Day – We will once again have Popcorn/Spirit

Days the last Thursday of each month. We will be looking for parent volunteers to help popcorn. Our first popcorn day of the year is scheduled for Thursday, September 27. 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 also have a chance to win a small prize.



Community Volunteers - The Green Bay school district is proud to partner with various local organizations who provide tutoring and reading support for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. These programs may work one on one with students or in the classroom setting. Tutors will not receive any student's personal, academic or behavioral information and will be in compliance with privacy laws. If you have any questions or you do not want your child to participate, please contact Amy Fish at 920-272-7657.

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Thursday, September 13, 2018 – Elmore Picture Day

Thursday, September 27, 2018 – Popcorn/Spirit Day

Wednesday, October 4, 2018 – Picture Retake Day

