



**Empowering All Students to Achieve Success**  
**November 17, 2017**  
**The "Knighly" News**

**A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR ELEMENTARY PARENTS AND STUDENTS**  
**Elmwood-Murdock Elementary School – 400 West F St. – Elmwood, NE 68349**  
**(Ph) 994-2125 – Website –www.emknights.org – Bruce Friedrich, Principal**  
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**School begins at 8:15 a.m. – School is dismissed at 3:20 p.m.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Nov. 22 -24** – No school for Thanksgiving Break  
**Nov. 25** – Holiday Craft Fair at the Elmwood-Murdock Elementary from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Nov. 28** – The high school one act production, *Dumb Luck*, will be presented at the elementary for grades 3-6 at 2:00 p.m.  
**Nov. 29** – There will be an assembly at 1:30 for the elementary students. The assembly “Wild about Animals” is funded by the S.O.S. parent organization.  
**Nov. 30** – The S.O.S. will be doing the concessions at the high school basketball games at Murdock on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for donations and for people to help work the concession stand. Please see article below for information on how to sign up.  
**Dec. 2** - S.O.S. Drop and Run – Need to get some errands done without the kids? Let S.O.S. parent organization help you find some time. Children ages preschool to 6<sup>th</sup> grade can enjoy a fun filled morning including crafts, snack, Christmas movies, and more. Proceeds to help pay for the Elementary Art Program. It will be held on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m. at the Elementary School in Elmwood. The cost is \$5 per child pre-registered and \$7.00 per child at the door. Forms are being sent home today.

**S.O.S. NEWS**

S.O.S. has created an email account to use to communicate with the parents on certain events. The email address SOS.ELMUR@gmail.com . Please make sure to save this email in your contacts so you can stay informed. Thank you!

**CONCESSIONS NOVEMBER 30, 2017**

SOS created a Sign-Up Genius ([www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)) for the concession stand shifts on November 30. Please log into the website and pick which time works for you. This site is efficient in real time updates of which shifts need filled. As always you can contact a board member if you have questions.

SOS created a Sign-Up Genius for the concession stand food items for the above mentioned concession stand. If you are willing to bring some of these items, please sign up on the website. We need to have these to the school no later than November 27, 2017

An email will be sent to all elementary parents that will allow you to sign up.

## **BUS DRIVERS NEEDED**

The Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools is in need of bus route drivers and substitute route and activity drivers. Drivers are paid \$43.68 for the morning route and \$43.68 for the afternoon route, \$7.12 for a shuttle route between schools, and \$14.56 per hour for activity driving. Drivers must have a CDL and complete a Level One bus driving class. The school district will pay for the classes, the mileage to and from the class, and for the time to complete the classes. We will also need a full-time route driver for the 2018-19 school year. Please contact Bruce Friedrich, Transportation Director, if you are interested in becoming a driver or have questions regarding these positions. You may contact Mr. Friedrich at 402-994-2125 or [bfriedrich@emknights.org](mailto:bfriedrich@emknights.org)

## **4th Grade Autumn Birch Landscapes**

Fourth Grade students made stunning autumn birch landscapes while practicing blending watercolor paint and creating the texture of birch bark with a variety of lines. Students looked at the color wheel and discussed various color schemes before creating a watercolor background. They also learned about space and parts of a landscape. We created birch trees using paper and marker for texture and added them to their backgrounds. Additional details were added in with tempera paint in fall colors.

## **Shop Shutterfly to support your school**

The holidays are almost here, and many families will order photo holiday greeting cards or photo holiday gifts. One of the most popular online websites for photo cards and gifts is **Shutterfly.com**. The Elmwood-Murdock Booster Club is partnering with Shutterfly and Tiny Prints to raise money for our school. For each purchase you make from one of these online stores, 13% will be donated to the Elmwood-Murdock School.



## **How To Support The Elmwood-Murdock School:**

1. Go to our Storefront URL here – [emboosterclub.ShutterflyStorefront.com](http://emboosterclub.ShutterflyStorefront.com)
2. Click through to **Shutterfly.com** or Tinyprints and start shopping
3. Make a purchase

That's it, it's that easy! And you can still use any promotions that are being advertised on the Shutterfly site – **right now, all holiday greeting cards are 50% off!** Feel free to share this tip with all your friends and family, the more people who purchase, the more our organization earns.

## **SOS Meeting Minutes November 7, 2017**

Meeting opened at 6:35 with members Jennifer Brettmann, Jayne Day, Jill May, Lyndee Haertel, Jen Justus and Mr. Friedrich present. Minutes from the October meeting were read and approved. The Treasures report was read totaling \$8516.81 in the savings account and \$4590.62 in the checking account. Totals were approved as read.

Fall Festival totals are not in. They will be available for the December meeting. We were able to sell all of the pizza that we ordered. We went thru nine gallons of lemonade and six gallons of fruit punch. Mr. Friedrich suggests that we go with lemonade only as the cleanup is easier. We are thinking of doing away with the costume contest. It is hard for the judges to pick just three kids per age group. We are going to mix it up next year do something different to reward the kids with awesome costumes. The workers that helped setting up for the event were treated with pizza from the Day's. It was motioned by Jill May that SOS cover the cost of the pizza since the Day family has put a lot into the event. Seconded by Jen Justus. All in favor, none opposed.

Mr. Friedrich has another lead on a playground shade. He is going to contact the company that the Elmwood Park equipment came from and get an estimate. He will keep us posted.

Concessions are coming up at the end of November. Final arrangements were made on the Sign up Genius so that it can be emailed out to the parents. Please make sure you use this to sign up for donations and shifts to work the concessions. There is a wide variety of items to choose from. Please contact a SOS board member if you have any questions.

The Art program fundraiser will be held on December 2, 2017 from 8-Noon. We are planning a movie/craft/library/gym time day with the kids. Children will need to be preschool potty trained thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost per pre-registered child will be \$5. If you do not pre-register the cost at the door will be \$7 per child. This includes the crafts and snacks. Crafts will be ordered online and partially assembled before the date. They are great for all age groups. The movies will begin at 830 and 1000. Morning snack will be served at 945 in the lunch room. Food/drinks will not be allowed in the gym or rooms. The kids will be able to move about the school not expected to stay and watch the whole movie if they want to move to the craft or another activity. . SOS is asking for volunteers to assist. JH/HS kids that would like to assist please message the SOS at SOS.Elmur@gmail.com. We would love to have your help.

The Bits and Pieces fundraiser is on Sunday, December 10, 2017. We are asking for volunteers to make cookies to donate to hand out to the shoppers on this day please contact SOS thru our email.

SOS.Elmur@gmail.com. We would be happy to hand out your treats!

Clothing order forms will be sent out soon. Hats will be added to this. These will be due December 8 so that they can be delivered before Christmas break.

Jayne would like to suggest that a water fountain be added to the Elementary school that has the ability to fill a water bottle. The older kids do not have drinking fountains in their rooms and would appreciate the availability to refill their waters more easily.

The date for the spring carnival is set for April 6. Jill is going to research an ice cream machine as a possibility of an extra items. More details to follow.

Next meeting will be held December 5, 2017 @ 630pm in the EM Elementary lunch room.



We live in a world surrounded by computers and technology, yet only a tiny number of students learn how that actually technology works. Hour of Code is a global movement during Computer Science Education week (December 4-10<sup>th</sup>) to expose students to at least one hour of computer coding. Computer science helps develop creative thinking, logic and problem solving skills. The Hour of Code hopes to reach 100 million students worldwide this year.

The JH/HS Science Club is hosting an Hour of Code event at the Elementary school on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 3:20pm to 4:45pm in the lunchroom. The Hour of Code event is open to any interested student grades K-6. Science Club students will provide support for younger students in completing a variety of coding tutorials found on

the Hour of Code website. Snacks will be provided.

If your student is interested in participating, please have them sign up in the office or email Science Club sponsor, Laura Stock at [lstock@emknights.org](mailto:lstock@emknights.org). Also, feel free to email or call Mrs. Stock at 867-2341 with any questions.

### **Family Reading Night**

A big thank you goes out to all parents and students that attended Family Reading Night. It was fun to watch the children enjoy some good books and play some old fashion pioneer games. Our book exchange was a big success. Reading and having fun is always the goal of the evening. We celebrated Nebraska's 150th birthday the Elmwood- Murdock way!

### **Elmwood-Murdock Community,**

The Elmwood-Murdock High School Cast and Crew invite you to come and be entertained by our performance of "Dumb Luck" by Bryan Patrick Harnetiaux on November 20, 2017. Our talented and amazing 26-member cast and crew will showcase their talents in this family-friendly show where dockworker Sally Flynn is thrown into a whirlwind of unwanted fame and general human craziness. The doors will open at 7:00pm. The highlights and show will go from 7:30-8:30pm. Admission is FREE. Concessions will be available!!!! All proceeds will go to our One-Act program!

Thank you!

Mrs. Keri Hogue

**Quiz Bowl-**Please congratulate the 6th Grade Quiz Bowl Team for winning the 2nd Round of the Cass County Quad on Monday. This team consisted of Sammie Shelsta, Kearah Perreault, Tyson Mans, Garrett Pleiss, and Riley Wilson.

**Say Something Week-** This week the Elementary Student Council presented Say Something Week. This project was started by parents of Sandy Hook after their devastating loss. The goal is to get children to report incidents in order to prevent other children from being hurt both physically and mentally. We have "tweaked" this lesson to educate our students about reporting vs. tattling, recognizing safe ways to report, being someone who stands up for others, and keeping our school and community safe and clean and also knowing the difference between mean behaviors, rude behaviors and bullying.

**Canned Food Drive-**On Tuesday, November 21, the High School and Elementary Student Councils will be going door to door in the Elmwood and Murdock area to collect donations for our school's canned food drive. We will be starting in Murdock around 9:00 on Tuesday morning and finishing in Elmwood around 10:00. If you would like to make a donation, but won't be home, feel free to leave your donations in a bag in front of your door and we will collect it. You can also drop off any donations to either school building. We are collecting non-perishable food donations or monetary donations. The food pantry is requesting no Ramon Noodles. Thank you in advance for supporting this great cause.

**Reading Marathon-**Our students have been doing a great job of growing as readers and utilizing our Accelerated Reading Program, which is a reading program for 1st-8th grades. In order to celebrate that and encourage more reading, the Elementary Student Council is hosting a Reading Marathon the afternoon of November 21. Students and teachers are encouraged to spend the day enjoying reading and taking AR tests. We will also be having reading/testing assistance in the library that afternoon for any student who needs a little help with reading.

# Elementary Entrepreneurs to Sell Hand-Made Products!

The Elmwood-Murdock FBLA American Enterprise Project is working with the fourth through sixth grade students to learn about the American Enterprise system. Each class has created a business and a product to sell. Check out their homemade creations! All proceeds will go to the purchase of a new town sign.



4<sup>th</sup> Grade- "Art R Us"  
120 Coasters



4<sup>th</sup> Grade- "Art R Us"  
35 Tie Dye T-Shirts



5<sup>th</sup> Grade- "Chocolate Creations"  
20 Peppermint Hot Chocolate  
20 Birthday Cake White Hot Chocolate  
20 Peanut Butter Hot Chocolate



6<sup>th</sup> Grade- "Carpenter Candies"  
40-50 Candy Machines

**Saturday, November 25th**

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**@ The Craft Fair (Elmwood-Murdock Elementary)**

Elmwood-Murdock Back-Pack Program Presents...

# *Holiday* Craft Fair

Saturday, November 25, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

At the E-M Elementary School,  
400 West F Street, Elmwood, NE



**Over 50 Vendors!!!**

**Free Admission!!!**

Full concessions serving Sandwiches, Hotdogs  
Bar cookies and drinks

Activities for the children include:  
a new Photo booth and face painting.

For more information call Myrna Bornemeier(402-994-2685) or Cyndi  
Dwyer (402-540-0251).