



**Empowering All Students to Achieve Success**  
**February 8, 2018**  
**The "Knighly" News**

**A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR ELEMENTARY PARENTS AND STUDENTS**  
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**School begins at 8:15 a.m. – School is dismissed at 3:20 p.m.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Feb. 9 -** No school for Parent/Teacher Conferences. The Conferences will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Times for conferences have been sent home.
- Feb. 12 -** No school for Winter Break.
- Feb. 23 -** School Store is open.

**S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Fair**

On Monday, March 26th, our school will hold a S.T.E.M. Fair. Students in grades Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to enter. Students in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade are required to enter to meet our school's science standards and will receive information from Mr. Frerichs. Students in grades K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>, may enter their own project, or do a project with a partner. Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth grade students will be judged during the afternoon of the 26th. All of the other students will be judged during the evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

If you are interested in signing up and learning more about the Elmwood-Murdock S.T.E.M. Fair please fill out the Google Form at <https://goo.gl/DcYNNP>. Please sign up by Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. After sign up more information will follow. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Backemeyer [cbackemeyer@emknights.org](mailto:cbackemeyer@emknights.org), Mr. Frerichs [mfrerichs@emknights.org](mailto:mfrerichs@emknights.org) or Miss Nutzman at [knutzman@emknights.org](mailto:knutzman@emknights.org)

**Illness**

Again this week we have seen quite a bit of illness throughout the school and we have had several cases of confirmed influenza, which is currently presenting as a headache and fever. As a reminder, anything over 100 is considered a fever at school and your child should be kept home. If you're suspicious your child has influenza, you can consult your doctor about possible treatments. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has excellent resources online. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm> for helpful information. If you have not received your flu shot yet, there is still time, as they project the flu season still has plenty of time left! If you have taken your child to the doctor and have tested positive for influenza, please let the school know. Many of you have already contacted us and we greatly appreciate it.

**Cold Weather**

Please send gloves/mittens, hats, and warm coats to school with your children as we will be going outside for recess as much possible during the winter months.

**Weekly Driving Tips**

Remember as your speed increases so does your braking distance. If you double your speed, you quadruple your braking distance. If you double the weight of your vehicle, you double the stopping distance.

**Baseball and Softball Registration**

Registration for softball and baseball is now open! Please register your child at [www.emsports.org](http://www.emsports.org). Registration will be open through February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please register as soon as possible so teams can be reported to the leagues. If you have any questions, please email [emknights20@gmail.com](mailto:emknights20@gmail.com)

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Art: Chinese Dragons**

Fourth grade learned about Chinese dragons. We watched a presentation all about the myth of the Chinese dragon and the importance of them in the Chinese culture. Students drew their dragons step by step with pencil and finished them off using oil pastel and watercolor.