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The "Knightly" 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. 23 - No preschool. School Store is open.

Mar. 1 & 2 – No School – Spring Break

Mar. 8 & 9 – No School – Spring Break

Mar. 23 – No Preschool or Kindergarten. Kindergarten Registration.

Mar. 26 – S.T.E.M. Fair – 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 30 – No School – Easter Break

Apr. 2 – No School – Easter Break

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 6th grade are invited to enter. Students in the 5th grade are required to enter to meet our school's science standards and will receive information from Mr. Frerichs. Students in grades K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th, 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 13th. After sign up more information will follow. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Backemeyer cbackemeyer@emknights.org, Mr. Frerichs mfrerichs@emknights.org or Miss Nutzman at knutzman@emknights.org

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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

Limit Passengers. The more passengers in a vehicle the higher the fatal crash risk. With three or more, the fatal crash risk is about four times higher than when a beginner drives alone. Studies also show that teens with passengers are more likely to take risks and be distracted, and when things go wrong, the tragedy is multiplied.

Baseball and Softball Registration

Registration for softball and baseball is now open! Please register your child at www.emsports.org. Registration will be open through February 19th, 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

Fifth Grade Art: Koi Fish

Fifth grade students worked on nishikigoi, or koi fish. The koi fish is very important in the Japanese culture and symbolizes bravery, courage and good luck. Students drew the koi step by step using basic shapes. They colored them in with oil pastel and created a unique watercolor background using salt. The finishing touch is a Japanese symbol of the students' choice.