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A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR JASON TADLOCK

It has been an unexpected and incredibly unique finish to our school year due to the COVID-19 virus and all its related implications. I have been amazed by the outpouring of parent and community support during these difficult times. We are so grateful for the donations to support programs we are running for the community and for the volunteerism we've seen in relation to these programs. I wanted to take a moment to share with you some of the activities that we have done as a district to serve our families and the community to the best of our ability during this difficult time.

Staff and students have been kept safe. Proper safety measures have been taken by those reporting to work. At this point, no employees or students have reported or tested positive for COVID-19 due to contact at school. Support staff continues to work and in some cases, they have been reassigned to assist in areas of need such as food preparation and delivery. Teaching staff are working remotely for the most part, but other staff still report to work at the school buildings.

Foodservice has been made available at no cost to all families and any adult in need throughout the district. Individuals can go to one of the 40+ pick up locations, or if needed direct doorstep drop off is available thanks to volunteers and shifting of employee duties. Well over 100,000 total meals have been served to this point. Including over 22,000 meals for adults in need thanks to generous donations made by members of the community. We plan to continue the meal program throughout the summer for as long as it is needed and possible.

All students have internet access at home and a personal computing device for their learning. For families that did not have internet access, the district provided an internet hotspot that works off of cell phone signals. Education continued online until the end of the school year as planned. Teachers did an exceptional job of converting their instruction online. They also made an extra effort to care for and look out for the social-emotional needs of our students. We work with Creedence Family Therapy to provide on-site counseling services for our students. They continued to provide those services by teletherapy for those who wanted them.

Community volunteers have stepped up. We have over a hundred volunteers sign up to offer to help families and the community. As the summer goes on we still have a need for more volunteers to help with the food distribution. If you would like to assist, please contact our community engagement coordinator Jon Anzalone at anzajo@elkhorn.k12.wi.us.

Plans for next year have begun. It is difficult to plan for the unforeseeable, but we will do the best we can and we are working hand in hand with state and local officials. Barring any significant changes for the worse, we are looking forward to students returning to our buildings in the fall. Final plans will be shared with families in July. Families not wishing to return to face to face opportunities will be able to take advantage of our online and blended learning opportunities.

I am sure I am missing a lot, but I wanted to give you the 10,000-foot view and let you know that we are here doing our part to keep our communities strong and united during this difficult time. **If you are hearing of ways that we can better serve our community, please do not hesitate to let me know as we are here to serve.** We have an exceptional team and a wonderful community that is willing and able to assist others.



NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Enrolling for the first time? New Student Enrollment takes place online. Visit elkhorn.k12.wi.us to apply. Students entering 4K must be four-years-old on or before September 1 to enroll. Kindergartners entering the district for the first time must be five-years-old on or before September 1 to enroll.



Contact the district registrar at hoffka@elkhorn.k12.wi.us or 262-723-3160, ext. 1428 with questions.

No computer? No problem! Call 262-723-3160, ext. 1428 to set up an enrollment appointment at District Office.

SafeElks

What is SafeElks?

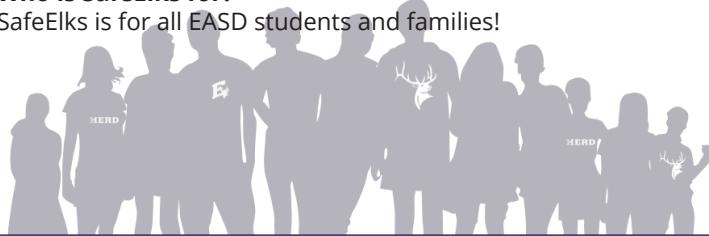
SafeElks is an online tool for you to anonymously report bullying and other concerns (problems with friends mental health, drug and alcohol abuse, depression, anxiety, academic dishonesty) you may have directly to your school principal and counselor.

How does it work?

Visit elkhornschools.org/safe_elks and let us know how we can help. Select "I want to report bullying," or "I have a concern to share with my principal." You'll be prompted to answer a few questions and then you'll select the school principal you want to be notified. You can leave your name, or stay anonymous.

Who is SafeElks for?

SafeElks is for all EASD students and families!



RESOURCES FOR REBUILDING

As our community begins to rebuild, resources are available to help ease the financial and emotional burden of the COVID-19 state shutdown. **Call 2-1-1** to get connected to area agencies and resources. If you are able, make a gift to the United Way of Walworth County COVID-19 Community Response Fund.

More information is available at uw-wc.org.



**NEED HELP?
CALL 2-1-1**

Your link to community resources.

ANNUAL REGISTRATION

Annual Returning Student Registration opens July 15. All returning students must complete Annual Registration by the first day of school. [Login to your Family Access account](#) to get started.

Students entering Middle School will also need to submit updated immunization records. High Schoolers and Middle Schoolers looking to participate in athletics and extra-curriculars may also be required to submit an updated physical exam to their school. All health forms can be found online at elkhorn.k12.wi.us. Navigate to the Health Services page to download your forms.

Have questions or need help logging in? Contact your school office:

Jackson Elementary	262-723-1200
Tibbets Elementary	262-742-2585
West Side Elementary	262-723-3297
Options Virtual Charter	262-723-1696
Elkhorn Area Middle School	262-723-6800
Elkhorn Area High School	262-723-4920
College & Career Academy	262-564-2970
District Office	262-723-3160

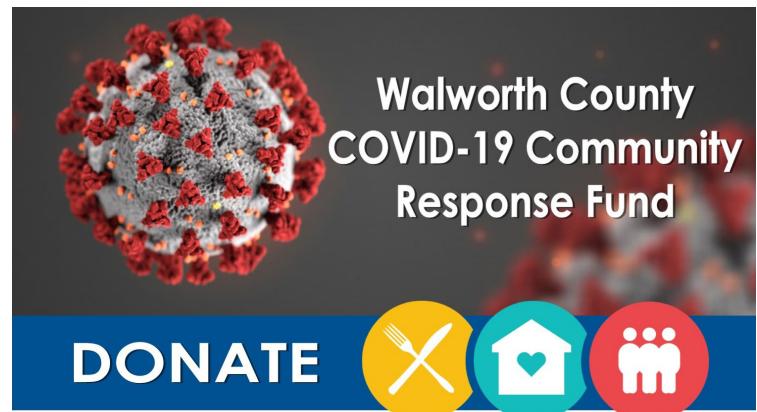
Thank You!

Elkhorn residents approved both EASD Referendum questions on the April 7 ballot. Question 1 passed with 2,792 voting yes and 2,074 voting no. Question 2 passed with 2,809 voting yes and 2,052 voting no.



Renovations on St. Patrick's School, now the permanent home of Options Virtual Charter School are expected to begin this fall. Recurring funds approved by this community will support on-going maintenance of EASD facilities and technology.

On behalf of the entire school community, thank you for your continued support!



United Way of
Walworth County

United Way





2019-20 Scholarship Recipients

Academic Excellence Award

Sean Ahler, Benjamin Johnson, Gwendolyn Richardson

Amanda Lynn Guth-Trottier Scholarship

Abigale Greenwald, Madison Ivey

American Legion William + Mary Ellen Morrissey Scholarship

Devon Davey, Morgan Hunter

Arthur C. & Vira Desing Post Graduate Scholarship

Aubrey Clikeman, Lindsey Gee, Steven Gee, Amber Glassel, Brevin Kruse, Haley Mogensen, Isaac Myers, Gabrielle Richardson, Ali Smith

Aurora Lakeland Medical Center Medical Staff Scholarship

Kylee Leahy, Corrina Lueptow

Carol E. Siddons Memorial Scholarship

Liliana Martinez

Dan Erskine Memorial Scholarship

Raven Musgrove

EAHS All Sports Booster Club Scholarship

Mason Buelow, Morgan Hunter, Marlie Lockhart, Mason Stebnitz

EAHS Scholarship Foundation Arthur C. + Vira Desing Scholarship

Daniel Acevedo Jr., Kassidie Biefeld, Joseph Birbaum, David Broga, Nick Brown, Mason Buelow, Mia Ciancio, Devon Davey, Nicole Doberszty, Madeline Eggert, Emily Ellsworth, Macy Farnsworth, Cole Flitcroft, Rachel Gottschalk, Alejandro Huerta, Benjamin Johnson, Jacob Krupp, Morgan La Favor, Corrina Lueptow, Ryan Rychlak, Zachary Szwatowy, Erik Van Dyke, Thomas Zimmerman

EAHS Scholarship Foundation Arthur C. + Vira Desing Valedictorian Scholarship

Gwendolyn Richardson

EAHS Scholarship Foundation Barbara Jane Ward Morrissey Scholarship

Nayeli Coronado, Emma Kohl

EAHS Scholarship Foundation Dr. Edmund Sorenson Scholarship

Mia Ciancio, Molly Prendergast

EAHS Scholarship Foundation Elizabeth O'Brien Scholarship

Ben Johnson, Jacqueline Siedenburg-Sis, Paulina Urioste, Thomas Zimmerman

EAHS Scholarship Foundation Hollis Gunyon Memorial Scholarship

Sara Sperle

EAHS Scholarship Foundation Jack and Elizabeth Cody Scholarship

Madeline Keller, Hannah Koss, Cameron Lom

EAHS Scholarship Foundation Lennart S. Nelson Scholarship

Alejandro Huerta, Dylan Klopfer, Kylene Kozbiel, Sydney Lawrence, Kathryn Passler, Benjamin Vogel

EAHS Scholarship Foundation Paul + Katherine Schmidt Scholarship

Joseph Birbaum, Carly Cooper, Chantel Schneider

EAHS Scholarship Foundation Purple + Gold Scholarship

Nicole Doberszty, Connor Hutson, Mason Stebnitz

EAHS Scholarship Foundation Robert + Mildred Getzen Salutatorian Scholarship

Sean Ahler

EAHS Scholarship Foundation Robert E. Heistad Memorial Scholarship

Alejandro Huerta, Liliana Martinez, Anna Matthews

EAHS Scholarship Foundation Thomas G. Godfrey Scholarship

Juliana Valadez

Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Scholarship

Ryan Daehn

Elkhorn Area Women's Club Scholarship

Nayeli Coronado, Sydney Lawrence, Chantel Schneider

Elkhorn FFA Alumni Rick Walter Memorial Scholarship

William Pinnow

Elkhorn FFA Alumni Scholarship

Mia Ciancio, Alliah North, Gwendolyn Richardson

Elkhorn Kiwanis Club "Mud" Eames Scholarship

Cassandra Jauregui

Elkhorn Kiwanis Club Dr. Henry Mol Scholarship

Joseph Birbaum

Elkhorn Kiwanis Club Dr. Norbert Sabin Scholarship

Ryan Rychlak

Elkhorn Kiwanis Club The Honorable James Carlson Scholarship

Alexandra Difazzio

Elkhorn Kiwanis Key Club Scholarship

Corrina Lueptow

Elkhorn Lions Club Scholarship

Kylene Kozbiel, Sara Sperle, Maura Vaughn

Elkhorn Memorial VFW Scholarship

Maura Vaughn

Elkhorn Penguins Swim Club Scholarship

Alyssa Ambrose

Elkhorn Police Department Scholarship

Isabella Recob

Elkhorn Rotary Club Scholarship

Thomas Zimmerman

Elkhorn Rotary Club Scholarship in Memory of Ray Ruman

Lucas Koepke

Elkhorn Rotary Club Scholarship in Memory of Susan Davey

Michelle Roman

Elkhorn Sno-Drifters Scholarship

Raven Musgrove

Elkhorn Sno-Drifters Scholarship in Memory of Nick Sergi

Alliah North, William Pinnow

Ellen Holly Community Activism Scholarship

Juliann Russella

First Congregational UCC Women's Fellowship Scholarship

Jozlyn Anderson, Nicholas Harvey

First United Methodist Church of Elkhorn Scholarship

Aydon Clikeman

Harlan & Frances Laney Endowment Scholarship

Alliah North

Jean A. Amos Memorial Scholarship

Kylene Kozbiel

Jean F. and Mary E. Morrissey Memorial Scholarship

Anna Matthews

John U. Karpen Scholarship

David Broga

Jon Eric Jacobson Memorial Scholarship

Maura Vaughn

Joyce Messerschmidt Childhood Education Scholarship

Sarah Broga

Kathryn Bucher Memorial Scholarship

Hannah Koss

Kelly Butzen Memorial Scholarship

Sara Sperle

Kikkoman Foods Foundation, Inc. Endowment Fund Scholarship

Sean Ahler, David Broga, Gwendolyn Richardson, Ryan Rychlak, Chantel Schneider

Kikkoman Foods Foundation, Inc. Scholarship

Rachel Gottschalk

Lanesway Scholarship

William Pinnow

Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department Jamie

Sendl Memorial Scholarship

Hannah Koss

Lennart S. Nelson Scholarship

Anna Matthews

Les Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Emily Ellsworth, William Pinnow

Livgracefully Memorial Scholarship

Hunter Johnson, Chantel Schneider

Martin Baur Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Cayden Wittrock

Matheson Memorial Library Foundation

Scholarship

Kaylee Bakko, Kylene Kozbiel, Samantha Nicholas, Liberty Tidberg

Medal of Honor Scholarship

Hannah Koss

Medal of Honor - Nominator Scholarship

Morgan Hunter

Millard Community Covenant Church

Scholarship

Mason Buelow

Multi-Sport/Year-Round Athlete Scholarship

Devon Davey

Nicholas D. Sergi Foundation Scholarship

Courtney Boss, William Pinnow

Nick Van Dyke "Spread the Love" Scholarship

Hannah Koss

Olson Folkers Auction Service Scholarship

Isabella Recob

Purple & Gold Scholarship

Daniel Acevedo, Alyssa Ambrose, Greta Block, Annalyn Bochat, Emily Connell, Carly Cooper, Natalie Greene, Abigale Greenwald, Nicholas Harvey, Sareni Huerta, Connor Hutson, Colman Karl, Madeline Keller, Jacob Krupp, Thomas Kuhart, Morgan La Favor, Corrina Lueptow, Kathryn Passler, Kara Patrick, Connor Peterson, Molly Prendergast, Cole Reece, Haley Remington, Marco Solis, Kyle Stringham, Hayden Wisniewski

Purple & Gold Susan Davey Memorial

Scholarship
Erik Van Dyke

Rick Nelson Memorial Skilled Trades

Scholarship

Ryan Daehn, Andrew Robinson, Aaron Taylor, Cayden Wittrock

Roberta Avonn Fiskum Memorial Scholarship

Haley Remington

Scott P. Jones Memorial Scholarship

Carly Cooper

Shaina Ashley Baumeister Memorial

Scholarship

Macy Farnsworth

Southern Lakes Masonic Lodge #12

Scholarship

Mason Stebnitz, Quentin Woyak

St. Patrick's Parish Elkhorn Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Sean Ahler, Rachel Gottschalk, Anna Manak, Liliana Martinez, Mason Stebnitz

Steve Durkin Memorial Scholarship

Cassandra Jauregui, Aaron Taylor

Sugar Creek Lutheran Church Scholarship

Devon Davey, Madeline Eggert, Cameron Lom, Benjamin Tuescher, Zoe Zepezauer

Susan Davey Memorial Scholarship

Sydney Lawrence, Connor Peterson

Technical Excellence Scholarship

Cassandra Jauregui, Cheyenne Schweitzer, Aaron Taylor

The Balestrieri Family Foundation Scholarship

Anna Manak, Connor Peterson, Maura Vaughn, Fin Weber

Thelma Adams Meyer Scholarship

Raven Musgrove

Warren D. Welkos Memorial Scholarship

Mason Stebnitz, Maura Vaughn, Cayden Wittrock

Welcos Memorial Post Scholarship

Leah Meersman

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Thank you for your service!

With over 200 years of service to the Elkhorn Area School District combined, this year's retiring staff have left an indelible mark on our district. Our students, staff, and community will miss them and their dedication to creating an environment where all our students can grow and thrive. We wish them all the best of luck in the next chapter of their lives.



Dana Anderson

Technology, High School

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." It has truly been an honor working with the students and staff of such a supportive, caring community. From teaching Keyboarding and Shorthand to Web Programming and AP-Computer Science, my students' eagerness to learn trumped the challenges of such significant change. Speaking of change, I look forward to the new chapter ahead ... family, travel and relaxation.



Renee Maves

Secretary, Jackson Elementary

I actually started with EASD my kindergarten year! I have seen many changes throughout this time, but the one thing that stays the same is the compassion the staff has for the children and their families. Their goal is to make sure every child is cared for, that their needs are met, and that they are successful. The staff, children, and their families will always hold a special place in my heart.



Debbie Bartholomay

Language Arts, WCEC Alternative High School

In 1990 I was presented with an opportunity that I could not refuse—It was to do whatever I thought would work to have the juniors and seniors in danger of not graduating earn high school diplomas. If it worked, it was "on me," but if it failed, it was also "on me." 30 years later, it is working still. And I truthfully say, I have never had a bad day at AHS. I am the luckiest person I know.



Sheryl Michaelson

Physical Education, High School

My time at Elkhorn Area High School flew by! In my early years with EAHS I kept busy coaching Gymnastics where the team earned a runner-up State trophy. I have certified hundreds of lifeguards that have worked to keep our pools and area lakes safe. Many freshmen students learned to swim, or tried out snorkeling for the first time. I taught square dance, waltz, jitterbug and country line dance to numerous classes for a fun social activity. I have enjoyed planning 20+ years of Prom, and will miss the enthusiasm of the students and the camaraderie of the staff. Go Elks!



Barry Butters

Math/PLTW, Middle School

It has been an honor and privilege serving the Elkhorn School District for 21 years. It is an incredible experience teaching two generations of students from families. I will cherish the memories of coaching and teaching from my time at Elkhorn. Thank you all for the opportunity to work with your children. I have been truly blessed.



Lora Wittke

Teaching Assistant, West Side Elementary

Live every moment you have to the fullest. These 29 years went very fast. I truly enjoyed my career working with the students, teachers, and parents. This was the most rewarding, enjoyable career I could have ever had. I will miss everyone I worked with dearly.



Patricia Butters

Second Grade, West Side Elementary

It has been an honor and pleasure to teach at West Side School the past sixteen years. West Side is a loving and caring place for students and families and I was blessed to work with an amazing and dedicated staff. Thank you for allowing me to serve the children of Elkhorn. I will cherish the wonderful memories that I have made.



Mark Poggensee

Science, Middle School

I will look back at my career in education with appreciation and I will cherish the many memories of my time at EAMS. I wish all the best the future can bring and hope that everyone finds the fulfillment of purpose that I have enjoyed. Thank you all for allowing me to be a member of The HERD!



Susan Wagner

Cook, High School

It has been my pleasure to work for EASD for the past 15 years. Thank you for the opportunity!



Where Are They Now?

EASD Alumni Spotlight | Kersten (Keri Rodau) Dentler

What fond memories do you have of EASD?

Playing singles and doubles varsity tennis all four years, all the fun times performing and touring around town in Swing Choir, and being cast as the female lead, Marian Paroo, in The Music Man, which was my very first musical.

What classes did you enjoy and/or feel were most beneficial to you as an EASD student?

Choir/Swing Choir was beneficial to strengthen my singing and performing ability, and Speech helped improve my confidence to speak in front of an audience.

Was there a particular staff member(s) in the district that motivated or inspired you?

Randy Zelinka and Kristine Weir both nurtured my love for music and performing.

During my four years of being in numerous different choirs in high school (Treble Clef, Chamber Choir, Swing Choir, Madrigal) Z helped me develop my singing voice and strengthened my technique and vocal skills, not only as an ensemble member in a choral setting but as a soloist, too.

Kristine helped me with basic acting and dancing skills, as well as other aspects of performing such as stage presence, showmanship, and how to get the maximum out of my performance by directing me in both musicals my sophomore and junior year.

I credit both Zelinka and Weir for giving me the encouragement and confidence in my ability to pursue singing and acting after high school.

Tell us a little about yourself and your journey after high school graduation.

After completing high school, I went on to attend college at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, where I graduated with a Bachelor of Music in Opera Vocal Performance. Upon graduating, I performed all over the country in two national tours of A Christmas Carol, as well as performing theater in Indiana and northern Wisconsin for two seasons.

I met my husband, Eric, in college and we made Minneapolis, Minnesota, our home where I've been consistently working as an actress for the past 25 years in leading roles at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres, Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, Jungle Theater, Park Square Theatre, Illusion Theater, Nautilus Theater, and in many productions at the nationally renowned Guthrie Theatre.

I've also been a featured soloist with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, Florida Orchestra, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, North Carolina Symphony, as well as productions and concerts with the Minnesota Orchestra.

Eric and I also love raising our 17-year-old daughter, Paige, 11-year-old son, Jack, and 9-year-old three-legged golden retriever, Trike.

What are you doing now?

I am an actress at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatres in Chanhassen, Minnesota. I just finished a hugely successful year-long run as the leading role of Donna Sheridan in MAMMA MIA!, and will start rehearsals for Cinderella this summer.

What piece of advice would you give to current EASD students about achieving their dreams and expanding their horizons?

Let your dreams be bigger than your fears. Believe in yourself and have faith in your abilities. 10 years from now make sure you can say you chose your life and didn't settle for it.

*Interested in being featured in an EASD Alumni Spotlight?
Contact Jon at anzajo@elkhorn.k12.wi.us.*





Elkhorn Area School District

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Please note: Events are subject to change.

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Downtown Elkhorn

July 31 + Aug. 1 **Elkhorn Corn + Brat Days**

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Old World Wisconsin

July 4 **Independence Day Celebration**

5-9 p.m.

Sunset Park

July 3 **Fireworks/Glow Carnival**

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Downtown Elkhorn

June 20 **Food Truck Festival**

City of Elkhorn Parks & Recreation
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Elkhorn Recreation Department

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