



Empowering All Students to Achieve Success
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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:

Sept. 3 - No School – Labor Day

Sept. 4 – Elementary Art Fundraiser will begin. We are again raising money to support our Elementary Art Program. We will be selling cookie dough and gift items. Packets of information will be sent home on September 4th.

Sept. 14 – Grandparents Day from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. There will be a program in the gym from 1:30 to 2:15. Grandparents may then visit the classroom until 3:00. Parents will need to contact the school if grandparents will be taking students with them at the end of the day.

Sept. 17 – Constitution Day Program at 1:00 p.m. in the gym. Mr. Dlouhy and the 5th grade students will present a program on our U.S. Constitution to the Elementary School. Parents, family, patrons, and friends are invited to attend.

Sept. 18 – Assembly for the elementary at 8:30 in the gym. The assembly is Animal Tales and funded by the S.O.S. parent organization.

Sept. 21 – Picture Retakes

Sept. 28 – No Pre-Kindergarten

TEAMMATES MENTORING PROGRAM

The mission of TeamMates is to positively impact the world by inspiring youth to reach their full potential through mentoring. This is done by providing support and encouragement for school aged youth. TeamMates is a school based mentoring program that was founded by Tom and Nancy Osborn. We are very excited for this upcoming school year! We are always looking for both mentors and mentees. Anyone in grades 3-12 grade is welcome to join. As well as getting quality time with your mentor, we are looking at doing some fund raising and group activities! If you would like to become a mentor or mentee, please contact JoDee Paulsen at 994-2125 or jpaulsen@emknights.org. We are very excited to be able to offer students the opportunity to be positively impacted by this program!

FOOD ALLERGIES

We have students identified in our school with peanut, tree nut, and milk allergies. We have also identified some areas in our lunchroom that are peanut and tree nut free. We also have eliminated peanuts and tree nuts from our school menu.

A food allergy is an immune system response to a food that the body mistakenly believes is harmful. Although an individual could be allergic to any food, such as fruits, vegetables, and meats, there are eight foods that account for 90% of all food-allergic reactions. These are milk, egg, peanut, tree nut, fish, shellfish, soy, and wheat.

A small amount of the offending substance triggers the reactions, which commonly occur in the respiratory tract, digestive system or skin in the form of a rash.

A more severe reaction to the allergen that is life threatening is an anaphylactic reaction. Anaphylaxis is a sudden severe, potentially fatal, systemic allergic reaction that can involve various areas of the body (such as the respiratory tract, gastrointestinal tract, and cardiovascular system.) Often students with peanut or tree nut allergies can go into anaphylactic shock from ingesting any form of peanut or tree nut product. Some students have such a severe reaction that just breathing in peanut or tree nut dust can cause a reaction.

Due to these concerns and the potential of other food borne diseases or allergens, we are directing parents not to send homemade treats to school. All snacks and treats must be unopened store bought items. If fresh fruit or vegetables are brought as a snack, please do not prepare or cut at home. We also encourage parents not to bring peanuts or tree nuts as snacks. These restrictions include treats and foods for birthdays and other parties.

Bakeries such as Eileen's in Lincoln can not guarantee their products to be nut free because of cross contamination. Please check with the bakery before items are brought to school for students.

Parents may bring baked items for activities that are not during the school day. These activities would include soup suppers, concessions, or other activities that are hosted outside of the regular school day.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

STUDENTS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

Please contact the school if your child is ill or has an appointment and will be missing school.

ABSENCE POLICY

We inform parents when their child misses 5 days in a quarter, 8 days in a semester, and again when the student reaches 20 absences in a year. If a child is absent more than 20 days in a school year, the parent/guardian will be notified and possibly the County Attorney in accordance with State Law.

The Elmwood Board of Education has established a limit of 8 absences per semester. All student absences up to 8 days will be approved with parent permission only. When a student reaches 8 days absent in a semester the administration will contact the parent/guardian and student to discuss the circumstances that resulted in the 8 absences. At this time, the student will be placed on "attendance probation". This will require the student to show "just cause" for all absences and will require a doctor's verification or other appropriate measures deemed necessary by the administration.

Please see pages 19-23 in the Parent-Student Handbook regarding attendance and absences.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. You may contact me at 994-2125 or at bfriedrich@emknights.org.

TARDY STUDENTS

Students are counted tardy if they are not in their classrooms by the 8:15 bell. Please contact the office if your child is tardy to school. Children should be arriving at school by 8:10 so that they have a chance to get to their classroom before the tardy bell rings.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The school does have school supplies, backpacks, and lunch bags available for students that are in need. Please contact the school office if your child is in need of school supplies.

Library Notices

We are attempting a new way to contact students and parents regarding overdue materials. From now on you will receive a weekly email if your student has any overdue books. I will continue to send home paper notices if the books are overdue for an extended time-but hopefully this will help to communicate with parents and students. If you have any questions regarding books or a notice, please don't hesitate to ask. I sent home the first notice this week regarding books that were checked out over the summer.

Student Council Elections

Students in grades 4-6 are eligible to run for Student Council. We have a very active group and we try to make an impact on our school while teaching leadership and responsibility. This year, we will be holding our elections later in the school year. We feel this will give new students and staff a chance to get to know each other a little better. As in the past, we will be selecting 5 representatives from each grade level. Three will be selected by their peers and two will be selected by staff vote. Informational packets will be sent home the week of August 27 and the voting will be done on September 6th or 7th.

Before the elections, students will be required to fill out a questionnaire and get parent permission. Some of responses on the questionnaire will be shared with the staff prior to voting to give the staff more information about the student. Students will also be required to give a short speech to their peers explaining why they believe they should be elected.

Students in all classes will be educated about the importance of voting for the best candidate and choosing who they would like to see represent them at the Student Council meetings. Any staff member who does not feel comfortable voting for a particular group is encouraged to abstain.

As always, if you have any questions regarding Student Council, please do not hesitate to contact JoDee Paulsen or Bruce Friedrich.

HANKS FAMOUS SMOKED RIBS

Friday September 28, 2018 – At the Varsity Football Game – Elmwood-Murdock vs. Weeping Water - Full Rack of Smoked Ribs - \$20.00

Reserve your ribs in advance by purchasing a certificate at the Elmwood or Murdock School Office.

Ribs will be cooking during the game. Pick them up after the game at the smoker in the north end zone. Present your certificate at the smoker.

Ribs for purchase the night of the game are subject to availability.

Fundraiser for the Elmwood-Murdock Post Prom

Little Knights Volleyball



Girls in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome to come practice with the high school volleyball team. You are also invited to attend the September 4th volleyball game free of charge, when you wear your Camp t-shirt.

If you still need a shirt, we are selling them for \$10.00.

When: August 24th, September 7th, September 21st,
and October 12th

Where: Elmwood-Murdock High School

Time: 3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Questions: Please contact Coach Schroll and Coach Justesen

Parent's Release and Waiver Agreement

We (or I) as parents or guardian, hereby request that you accept the application for the enrollment of _____ in the 2018 Elmwood-Murdock Volleyball camp during the dates set forth in the application. In consideration of this application, we (or I, whether one or more), hereby release the Elmwood-Murdock Board of Education and all its employees and the camp staff, from all claims on account of any injuries, which may be sustained by our daughter while attending the Elmwood-Murdock Volleyball camp. We (or I) agree to indemnify the Elmwood-Murdock Board of Education and all its employees and the camp staff for any claim, which may hereafter be presented by our daughter as a result of such injuries. I give permission to Nichole Justesen, or my athlete's coach to make emergency medical decisions in my absence.

*** Elementary Camp

Parent or Guardian (signature):

Date: _____

Athlete Name: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Emergency Contact # _____

Any Known Allergies _____

Asthma **Yes** **No**

Grade entering 2018-2019 _____

\$10 for T-Shirt: size _____

**RETURN ALL FORMS BY AUGUST 24, 2018 TO THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFICE
OR MAIL:**

**Elmwood-Murdock High School
ATTN: JENNIFER SCHROLL - Volleyball
400 West F Street - Elmwood, NE 68407**

