



# **ELMWOOD-MURDOCK** *PUBLIC SCHOOLS*

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**September 4, 2020**

## **BUS EVACUATION DRILLS**

In order to strengthen student safety, while being transported on the school bus, we will be hosting bus evacuation drills this week. Students will learn the rules of riding a bus along with safety measures in the event of an emergency. Thank you to our wonderful bus drivers!

## **ELEMENTARY GRANDPARENTS DAY POSTPONED**

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have Grandparents in the building as we have had in the years past. Right now, we are not sure what Grandparent's Day will be able to look like. However, we will try our best to put something special together to recognize these amazing people in our lives. More information to come!

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

September 7 - No School Labor Day

September 11 - Elementary Grandparents Day - Postponed

## **ACCELERATED READING**

A letter went home today with students in grades 1-6 about our use of AR. For those who are unfamiliar with AR, this stands for Accelerated Reader. It is a program we use to help students work on Reading Comprehension and build excitement for reading because it gives points for tests you take on books you choose to read. Those points are then rewarded here at school.

The goals for the 2020-2021 school year are as follows:

First Grade-5 points

Second Grade-12 points

Third Grade-14 points

Fourth Grade-16 points

Fifth Grade-18 points

Sixth Grade-20 points

I also have a program called the Knights Reading Club that recognizes students based off the number of words they read. There are seven levels of the Knights Reading Club and once a student reaches all seven levels, they are considered an All-Star Reader in the school. In order to make it to the Knights Reading Club, students must meet these goals: \*notice this has changed since previous years

1<sup>st</sup> Grade-50,000 words

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-100,000 words

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-200,000 words

4<sup>th</sup> Grade-400,000 words

5<sup>th</sup> Grade-500,000 words

6<sup>th</sup> Grade-600,000 words

Any student who reaches 1,000,000 words, will be given a spot in the Millionaire's Wall of Fame!! This is a new incentive we are implementing this year and I am very excited about it.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Students in grades 4-6 are eligible to run for Elementary Student Council. We have a very active group and we try to make an impact on our school while teaching leadership and responsibility. If you would like more information about Student Council please contact Mrs. Backemeyer or Ms. Nutzman.

### **STUDENTS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL**

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

### **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.

### NEWS FROM THE NURSE:

Is it allergies? Is it a cold? Is it COVID? Illness is very tricky right now, as you may already know. I don't think anyone has the perfect answer to these questions, but our number one goal is to keep our students and staff safe and healthy. Please talk to your children about how they feel and work with your child's physician to determine if it is safe for them to be in school. Please also keep the school informed on your child's health if there are changes.

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Mr. Frerich's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class



Mrs. Justus's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class



## S.O.S.

The S.O.S. met on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

They are raffling three pairs of tickets to Vala's Pumpkin Patch.

# **SOS Fall Raffle, Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

## **Prize: 2 Vala's Pumpkin Patch Admission Tickets**

**-a \$52.00 value-**

**\*We will be raffling 3 bundles\***

**Raffle tickets can be purchased for a \$1 donation until 4 pm  
on Tuesday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>.**

*Tickets will be drawn the morning of Parent-Teacher Conferences, and winners will be notified asap.  
Please complete all information so we can contact you.*

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This sheet contains 10 raffle tickets.



## The 2020-2021 Elmwood-Murdock SOS

### “Un-Fundraiser”

Our no-fuss Un-Fundraiser is the only fundraiser where Elmwood-Murdock SOS will earn 100% of the proceeds raised. Your contribution directly benefits our school by supporting school-wide events, purchasing playground materials and equipment, supplies for the classroom, sponsoring assemblies, and so much more!

This is a **voluntary** fundraiser. If you wish to make a direct donation, please complete the information below and return it in an envelope marked “SOS Un-Fundraiser”. **Please make checks payable to Elmwood-Murdock SOS.**

*Please note that even if you contribute to the “Un-Fundraiser”, we may still ask for your help with the Spring Carnival.*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 – I am not going to participate in donating items or my time to work concessions

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 – I don’t want to sell products to my friends, family, co-workers so here is the money I would have spent

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 – I barely have time to spend with my family, so there is no way I can volunteer my time

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Students: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Check or Cash (Circle one)

Thank you so much for your donation to our school’s SOS. Your money will be spent to enrich the lives of our student throughout their time at Elmwood-Murdock. Please return this form with your donation.

**Thank You, Elmwood-Murdock SOS**



Elmwood-Murdock Knights

# BOOSTER CLUB BBQ

**Friday, Sept. 4**

E-M Knights vs. Clarkson-Leigh

**BBQ meals to go  
available 5:30-8 p.m.**

**BBQ Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans,  
Potato Salad, Dessert and Drink**



**\$6** adult meal

**\$4** kids ages 5-12  
*kids under 5 = Free*

For your safety, all to-go meals can be picked up at the North gate or at the bus barn. Call in your order early, and pick it up when it's ready! Bring it home and enjoy the game on STRIV if you're not attending in person.

**To Go Orders:** Call Nicki at 402-659-7670