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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:

Sept. 18 - Elementary Health Screenings

Sept. 19 – Constitution Day Program at 1:00 p.m. The fifth grade will present a program about the Constitution. **We will be doing picture retakes on this day.**

Sept. 29 – No Preschool

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Information for Parent/Teacher Conferences is being sent home today. Please return the forms by next Wednesday, September 20th. Scheduled conference times will be sent home next Friday. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for October 4, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school. We will not have school that day.

SECOND GRADE ART: THE GREAT BANYAN TREE

This week in art, 2nd grade learned about the banyan tree. We discussed how trees are very important to us: fresh air, wood, paper, shelter. Trees are also important in other areas/cultures as well. The banyan tree, found in India is thought of as a “resting place”. The largest banyan tree on record was more than 250 years old and spanned across almost an amazing 4 acres. With its roots that grew from the branches and into the ground, it looked more like a forest than a tree. Alexander the Great was said to have sheltered an army of 7,000 soldiers under a single banyan tree! 2nd graders drew banyan trees using different types of lines. They filled in the trunk and branches with black oil pastel. The “sky” around the tree was colored with either warm or cool colors.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

The Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools is in need of bus route drivers and substitute route and activity drivers. Drivers are paid \$43.68 for each route, \$7.12 for a shuttle route between schools, and \$14.56 per hour for activity driving. Drivers must have a CDL and complete a Level One bus driving class. The school district will pay for the classes, the mileage to and from the class, and for the time to complete the classes. We will also need a full-time route driver for the 2018-19 school year. Please contact Bruce Friedrich, Transportation Director, if you are interested in becoming a driver or have questions regarding these positions. You may contact Mr. Friedrich at 402-994-2125 or bfriedrich@emknights.org.

KNIGHTLY NEWS TO GO ELECTRONIC

We will not be sending home paper copies of the Knightly News after Friday Sept. 1. We will email the Knightly News each week and post it on our website. Please contact the school if you would like a paper copy sent home.

VOLLEYBALL CLOTHING FUNDRAISER

Please find the link below for High School Volleyball Clothing Orders. Orders are due on Sept. 17.

https://emhsvolleyball17.itemorder.com/sale?read_message=true

FBLA READING PROJECT

This school year, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) is working on a project with the Elmwood Library to determine what the library does well and how it can improve. Another goal of the project is to promote reading and determine how the library can help with this goal. FBLA, with the help of the Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation, Bits & Pieces, and Elmwood Library, decided to work with 1st-4th grade students to accomplish the goal. Next Friday afternoon, September 22, more than 20 high school FBLA members will hold reading stations at the Bess Streeter Aldrich House in Elmwood. The members have picked a book to read, costume to wear, and fun activity to complete with the elementary students. In addition to going to four out of eight reading stations with FBLA members, elementary students will learn about local author Bess Streeter Aldrich. At the end of the event, elementary students will have the opportunity to select a free book to take home. A special thanks goes to Bits & Pieces as they donated a majority of the books students will get to choose from.