



**Empowering All Students to Achieve Success**  
**September 29, 2017**  
**The "Knighly" News**

**A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR ELEMENTARY PARENTS AND STUDENTS**  
**Elmwood-Murdock Elementary School – 400 West F St. – Elmwood, NE 68349**  
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**School begins at 8:15 a.m. – School is dismissed at 3:20 p.m.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Oct. 3** - S.O.S. Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in elementary lunchroom.
- Oct. 4** - No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13** - End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
- Oct. 18** - No Preschool
- Oct. 20** - No School – Fall Break
- Oct. 23** - No School – Staff Development
- Oct. 27** - Fall Festival from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School. Flyers are coming home today with more information.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

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.

**HOMECOMING WEEK**

Students may dress in costumes for Homecoming Week. Costumes must follow school dress codes. Please no face paint.

Homecoming Week (Oct 9th - Oct 13th)

Monday - PJ Day

Tuesday - Camo

Wednesday - Favorite Teacher / Twin Day

Thursday - Superhero

Friday - Salt -n-Pepper

**THE SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR IS COMING!!**

We are excited to once again host the Scholastic Book Fair. The fair will be set up the whole week of October 2-6 and will be open during Parent-Teacher Conferences. The book fair is a great way to raise money for our school libraries and we use our profits to update our titles throughout the year. Our goal this year is to sell \$2500 worth of books, if we accomplish our goal, we will get 50% of the profits back to use for our libraries. Thank you in advance for supporting this great cause.

**FOURTH GRADE: AZTEC SUNS**

Fourth graders recently studied the Aztec Sun Stone in Art class. The Aztecs lived in Mexico from around 1300-1500 AD. They worshipped the sun because it provided life to all people. They carved a huge stone disk, three feet thick and almost twelve feet in diameter that is now known as the Sun Stone or the Aztec Calendar. Fourth grade students were able to create their own sun design using their imagination. They began with pencil and repeated shapes around the circle and creating an interesting sun face. They added colored pencil and marker to finish their sun faces.

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### **SIXTH GRADE QUIZ BOWL TEAM**

This year we are trying something new with our Sixth Grade Quiz Bowl Team. We have been having mini competitions in library every week to help build our team and everyone seems to be really excited. The sixth grade team competes four times a year at the Cass County Quad Quiz Bowl Competition in Conestoga. I will be taking the five students who have earned the most points during our mini competitions. The five students who will be representing our class at the October 2 meet will be: **Sammie Shelsta (captain), Kearah Perreault, Tyson Mans, Toby Cox, and Sam Clements**. The next meet will be November 13 and I will announce that team when it gets closer to the date.

### **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 the morning route and \$43.68 for the afternoon 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](mailto:bfriedrich@emknights.org).**

### **ELMWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS**

Please come join The Elmwood Public Library for the Midwest Book Signing Tour for The Perfect Stone on Monday, October 2nd from 5-8 pm. The book was written and illustrated by local Southeastern Nebraskans, Matt Leatherwood and Daryl Wills. There will be a reading for the kids at 6 and 7. Come get your personal copy of the book signed. Talk with the authors and hear about the process of bringing a book from concept to publication. We will have kids' activities and refreshments. Fun for the whole family! Books will be available at the event for \$12.95 or you can pre-purchase your own copy on Amazon. Can't wait to see you there!!

### **Elmwood-Murdock Schools Shifts Communication Strategy to Tell Student Stories**

Elmwood-Murdock Schools has launched a new public relations campaign to increase parental engagement through the use of technology. The campaign is part of a larger effort to inform the Elmwood-Murdock Schools community of the positive stories that happen inside the District. The administration announced the release of new mobile applications for iPhone and Android with school information such as events, sports scores, cafeteria menus, emergency notifications, and other pertinent information. The effort is in partnership with Apptegy, an education technology company based in Little Rock, Ark.

Elmwood-Murdock Schools is taking this initiative to engage community members on the devices and social networks they use most. A ComScore study shows that Americans use mobile technologies at twice the rate of desktop computers, and a Pew study shows that 65 percent of adults use social media. With the newly-adopted tools, the administration and teaching staff can share across all of these communication channels.

The Elmwood-Murdock Schools leadership sees sharing news and updates on mobile devices and social media as critical to educating in the 21st century.

“We know we have a lot of great things taking place at Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools that we want people to know about,” explained Ryan Knippelmeyer, superintendent of Elmwood-Murdock Schools. “Our new school app will provide easy access to information pertaining to our school.”

“Apptegy will allow us to communicate via multiple avenues. Time spent sending out messages will be streamlined as we will be able to create one message and send it out multiple ways at one time,” Knippelmeyer said.

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Apptegy builds simple communication tools for school districts across the country. "School districts like Elmwood-Murdock have a unique opportunity to grow connections with their community by sharing all of the great things that happen on a daily basis," said Jeston George, CEO of Apptegy. "Educators are extremely busy, so they need tools that make it easy and efficient to share across different types of devices and social networks."

The free mobile apps in the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store are available by searching for "Elmwood-Murdock" in the respective stores. A revamped, mobile-friendly website, [www.emknights.org](http://www.emknights.org), will be launched on Monday, September 11. Community members can expect to see more positive stories and regular updates from Elmwood-Murdock Schools.

#### **SUPPORT THE FCCLA, ORDER TERRIFIC TAILGATE FOOD**

[FCCLA Tailgate Fundraiser Flyer.pdf](#)

[FCCLA Tailgate Fundraiser Order Form.pdf](#)

Several student officers from the Elmwood Murdock FCCLA Chapter will attend the FCCLA Cluster Meeting and National Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City on November 17-19.

To raise funds for National Leadership Conference, the EM FCCLA Chapter will be selling fabulous tailgate food including Hank's famous beef brisket, pulled pork, BBQ beef, and more to be available for parties during the NU vs. Wisconsin football game on Oct. 7. To get in on some great tailgate food and support FCCLA, fill out the order form and return it to the high school office by 8 a.m. on Monday, October 2. FCCLA members will also have order forms available at the football game on Friday, September 29.

If you have questions, contact [LHynes@emknights.org](mailto:LHynes@emknights.org). Thank you for your support of EM FCCLA!

#### **ELMWOOD PARK INSTALLATION OF NEW PLAYGROUND**

Installation of the new playground at the Elmwood Park is coming up! If you are interested in helping please contact Julie Anderson at [Julie.villageboard@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.villageboard@gmail.com), or through Facebook, or by phone (402)867-4123. Join the Friends of Elmwood Park Facebook page for more information! Donations in many forms are always welcome. Time, money, or food to feed the crew! Come make some memories and have some fun!"

#### **ELMWOOD RESIDENTS - THE TOWN OF ELMWOOD NEEDS YOUR FEEDBACK!**

The Elmwood Village Board and the Elmwood Library are seeking community feedback regarding how we can preserve, grow and improve our community. We will use this information to help promote and make improvements in Elmwood. Please help us improve our community by taking these two surveys:

<https://tinyurl.com/elmwoodvillage>

<https://tinyurl.com/elmwoodlibrary>

## **Disaster Relief Effort 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Project *Help Us Help Others***

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class is collecting items to help with the recent disasters in the United States. Please help us help others! Kelli Brewer will deliver our donations to the distribution center in Chatham, IL.

Donations will be accepted until October 18<sup>th</sup>.

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Items needed are:

**School Kits:**

1 Subject Notebooks  
Pens (blue or black)  
Pencil Sharpener  
Pencil Erasers  
Protractor 6" long with metric  
Box of 24 Crayons  
Round Tipped Scissors  
(No plastic scissors)  
Monetary Donations

**Hygiene Kits:**

Hand towels:  
Washcloths  
Adult Toothbrushes  
Adhesive Bandages  
Bath-size soap 3 oz and up  
Combs 6 inches or longer  
Metal Nail Files  
Nail Clippers  
Gallon Size Plastic Bags  
Monetary Donations

**Cleaning Kits:**

5 Gallon Bucket w/ lid  
Liquid Laundry Detergent 25 or 50 oz.  
Scouring Pads  
Cleaning Wipes  
Dish Soap 18-28 oz.  
Air Freshener (aerosol or pump)  
Insect Repellent (6-14 oz. can)  
Scrub Brush (No long handles)  
Sponges (No cellulose sponges)  
Clothes Pins  
Clothes Lines 50 or 100 ft.  
Heavy Duty Trash Bags (33-55 Gal)  
Dust Masks  
Kitchen Dishwashing Gloves  
Work Gloves (Cotton with leather palm or all leather)  
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