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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:

- Oct. 11** – Smokey Bear is coming to visit the preschool – 4th grade students to promote Fire Prevention Week. Thank you to the Elmwood Fire Department.
- Oct. 13** - End of 1st 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.

NEWS FROM THE NURSE:

It's flu season! Please take the time to get you and your children vaccinated. Most insurance companies cover the flu vaccine. Every flu season is different, and influenza infection can affect people differently, but millions of people get the flu every year, hundreds of thousands of people are hospitalized and thousands or tens of thousands of people die from flu-related causes every year. An annual seasonal flu vaccine is the best way to reduce your risk of getting sick with seasonal flu and spreading it to others. When more people get vaccinated against the flu, less flu can spread through our community.

Cortney Sorensen
Elmwood-Murdock School Nurse
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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

5th GRADE ART: COLORFUL FALL TREES

This week in art fifth grade students reviewed the color wheel. We discussed Primary, Secondary and Intermediate colors. Students learned a new technique for creating texture and used this to create large overlapping birch trees for our art. They used watercolor paints for the backgrounds of their paintings using the 12 colors of the color wheel.

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SIXTH GRADE QUIZ BOWL TEAM

The 6th grade quiz bowl team received first place at the first Quiz Bowl of the year at Conestoga on October 2nd. Congratulations to: **Sammie Shelsta (captain), Kearah Perreault, Tyson Mans, Toby Cox, and Sam Clements.**

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.

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.

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, will be launched on Monday, September 11. Community members can expect to see more positive stories and regular updates from Elmwood-Murdock Schools.

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FAMILY READING KNIGHT

Family Reading Night will be held on Monday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elementary School. The theme this year is "Happy Birthday, Nebraska! We would like to have a book exchange again this year. If you have gently loved books that you would be willing to bring for the exchange we will gladly display them and hopefully everyone in attendance will go home with some fun books. Please bring your donations to the school office. If you have any questions please contact Bruce Friedrich or Susan Oliva.

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, 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>

BOOK FAIR

A HUGE thank you for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair. We had a goal of \$2500 and we surpassed it. This means we will have close to \$2000 to spend on new books for our school libraries. I was especially excited to see the parents come in and talk about reading and books with their children. I could see the excitement of the book fair growing as the week progressed. Thanks again for your continued support of our reading program.

Mrs. Paulsen

GIRL SCOUTS

There will be an informational meeting on October 16th at 6 pm in the Commons area at the Elementary School for anyone interested in joining Girl Scouts. This meeting is open to all girls in K-12 grades.

Please use the South Activity door to enter the building. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are interested please email Sommer Knippelmeyer at sommerknip@gmail.com.

Disaster Relief Effort

6th Grade Project

Help Us Help Others

The 6th 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 18th.

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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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