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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:

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.

KINDERGARTEN ART: SILLY PUMPKINS

Kindergarten learned about colors this week while painting pumpkins. Students drew out the shape of the pumpkins and traced them with marker. We mixed red and yellow to make the orange for them. Paper was cut and glued to make the silly faces to complete the project.

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.

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>

BASKETBALL SHOOTING CAMP

The Elmwood Murdock FCA is hosting a free basketball shooting camp on Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm in the new gym in Murdock. Former Husker Brian Conklin will be conducting the camp. The camp is open to all students, grades 5-12. Please take a moment to sign up for the camp here <https://goo.gl/forms/FD3RuragU710ZAZh2> so we can have a good estimate of how many students will attend.

HALLOWEEN TREAT BAGS

The high school Journalism class is putting together Halloween treat bags this year for your enjoyment! Order forms for these treats were sent home in your child's Friday folders last week. There are also order forms in the school office(s). The Journalism class will use the funds raised from this project to help go toward yearbook costs. Please return your form and payment to either school office by Monday, October 23rd. Checks may be made payable to Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools

Thank You,
2017-18 Journalism Staff

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP SUMMARY

For Digital Citizenship Week, I took the opportunity during the guidance lesson this week to be able to communicate expectations about being a good digital citizen to the students in Kindergarten through sixth grade. The objective for the lesson is to empowering the students with skills to think critically, behave safely, and participate responsibly online, allowing them to connect and collaborate in meaningful ways.

The first part of the lesson is explaining that even apps that they are on are also on the Internet. Social Media drives communication and many elementary students utilize different apps for entertainment or for communication. The lesson included what is personal information and knowing whom it is okay to share that information with. Stranger Danger is even on the Internet. They all know not to talk to strangers face to face but when using a device the stranger danger effect is not as scary. So we discussed strategies to ensure that they are continuing to be safe. The final topic was "fake news". We did not go into a whole lot of details but did discuss how students need to be investigators and check sources if they believe the information that was shared was not accurate.

We also use the acronym of "THINK" with the students prior to posting on the Internet:

T: Is it true? Is it thoughtful?

H: Is it helpful?

I: Is it inspiring? Is it interesting?

N: Is it necessary?

K: Is it kind?

We encourage students to use this when they are questioning if they should make a post to the Internet or if they feel something is in question.

More and more children have access to devices and are then on the Internet. So even if you child does not have access yet, we still believe that it is important for them to have an understanding so that when they do have access they have some basic understanding to be successful. Raising and educating young people in today's 24/7 digital media environment is one of the most exciting and overwhelming challenges that parents and schools currently face. Working together we can raise a generation of kids to become smart, responsible, and respectful digital citizens.

In addition to this lesson, I know classroom teachers discuss expectations with students from time to time during technology class. Please let Mr. Dwyer or I know if you have any additional questions and/or concerns. Also, Common Sense Media is a great source to be able to support you as a parent if you have additional questions and want additional information. <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

Thank you.

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