

Elmwood Elementary School

May, 2012 Newsletter

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From the Desk of Mr. Frost

Spring is here and there are only 22 days of school left. The weather is warming up and the children are excited. The month of May is very busy with class field trips, music concerts, and many end of year activities. Be sure to mark your calendar for all the upcoming activities at Elmwood Elementary School.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 1-4—Teacher Appreciation Week.
- May 1—SEAPCO Preschool Screening @ Methodist Church.
- May 1—Elementary Parent's Club Meeting/Dinner @ Crusens.
- May 5—J.H. Sectional Track Meet @ Elmwood, 10:00 a.m.
- May 7—All Library Books Due.
- May 7—IPA Student Recognition Breakfast @ Eureka College.
- May 7—Spring Music Concerts, Bright Futures/Kindergarten @ 6:00 p.m.
- May 7—Spring Music Concerts, Grades 1 and 2 @ 6:45 p.m. in Auditorium.
- May 8—Spring Music/Band Concert, Grades 5 and 6, 6:30 p.m. in Auditorium.
- May 9—Parent's Club Appreciation Luncheon, 11:00-1:00 in Elementary Teacher's Lounge. Sponsored by Elementary Faculty and Staff.
- May 10—Grades 2 and 3 AR Party @ Elmwood Community Center.
- May 11-12—J.H. State Track Meet @ East Side Center.
- May 13—Elmwood High School Graduation, 1:00 p.m., H.S. Gym.
- May 14—4th Grade AR Party @ Jillian's.
- May 15—5/6 Grade AR Party @ Jillian's.
- May 15,17,18—Kind./1st Grade Boy's and Girl's Basketball Camp.
- May 16—Bright Futures Last Day.
- May 16—Picnic Lunch Outside for all K-6 Students.
- May 17—Early Out Dismissal (2:15 p.m.), H.S. Finals.
- May 17—J.H. Graduation @ 7:00 p.m., H.S. Gym.
- May 18—Elementary Awards Assembly @ 9:00 a.m. in Elementary Gym.

- May 18—Early Out Dismissal (2:15 p.m.), H.S. Finals
- May 21—Teacher Institute, No School for Students.
- May 21—Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m., Auditorium
- May 22—Report Card Day
 - Buses will run and return students soon after receiving their report cards.
- May 22-25—Boy's Basketball Camp, Grades 2 and 3, 8:30-12:00.
- May 29-June 1—Boy's Basketball Camps
 - Grades 6 and 7, 8:30-12:00
 - Grades 4 and 5, 12:30-4:00
 - Registration Information available on the Elementary School's Website.
- June 4 and 5—Bright Futures Screenings @ United Methodist Church.
- June 4-8—Girl's Basketball Camp
 - Information will soon be available.
- June 25-28—Girl's Volleyball Camp
 - Information will soon be available.

**Parent's Club Appreciation Luncheon
Elmwood Elementary School
Wednesday, May 9, 2012
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by Elmwood Elementary Faculty, Staff, and Administration.

All parents and community volunteers are invited to attend.

Lunch will be served in the Teacher's Lounge.

FEEL FREE TO COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

STUDENT PICNIC LUNCH

Wednesday, May 16, 2011

All K-6 students will have a picnic lunch on Wednesday, May 16, behind the school outside the gymnasium. If a student is eating the hot lunch they will take this outside to enjoy. Picnic tables will be available. Parents and family are invited to join us. Bring your lunch, blankets, and lawn chairs, and enjoy lunch time with the children. The Elementary Lunch Staff will provide ice cream for all the children. We look forward to sharing our lunch with family and friends.

ACCELERATED READER NEWS—The Accelerated Reader Parties, sponsored by the Parent's Club, are planned for May 10, 14, and 15. All 2nd/3rd graders that qualified will go to the Elmwood Community Center for games and activities and the Palace Theatre for a movie on Thursday, May 10. The 4th Grade will go to Jullian's on Monday, May 14 and 5th/6th Graders will go to Jillian's on Tuesday, May 15. This has been a year-long goal for the kids, and we look forward to a good day for all children. More details will soon be available.

CONGRATULATIONS to 6th Grader Riley Baker for being selected as one of the outstanding students in the Central Illinois Area. Riley will be honored at a Recognition Breakfast at Eureka College on Monday, May 7. This event is sponsored by the Central Illinois Valley Illinois Principals Association. Riley exemplifies qualities of respect, responsibility, and honesty that reflect what our school and community are all about. It will be a pleasure to attend this breakfast with Riley and her parents, and we are all very proud of her.

CONGRATULATIONS to 2nd Grader Alana Barrett for her drawing being selected as the winning design for the Race for the Cure t-shirts. Her design will be on all the children's t-shirts for this year's race. Mrs. Gina Morris Fisher from the Susan G. Coleman Foundation and WEEK TV interviewed Alana, her mom, and sister and her story was on Channel 25 News. The Susan G. Coleman Race for the Cure is scheduled for May 12, 2012.

GOLF OUTING—The Elmwood Elementary Parent's Club is planning their Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, August 11, at the Maple Lane Country Club. This fundraising effort will benefit the children, teachers, and the many programs that our Parents' Club sponsors. Everyone is welcome to play in the 18 hole scramble. You can contribute by sponsoring a golfer, sponsoring a hole, golf in the event, enjoy dinner, participate in the silent auction, or donate to the Parent's Club. I encourage all families to participate and support this event. Thank you for your continued support. More information will soon be available. Your participation will support the children and teachers of Elmwood Elementary. If you have questions please call the school.

MUSIC NEWS—We have scheduled our Spring Music Programs. All performances will be in the High School Auditorium. The schedule is as follows:

Bright Futures/Kindergarten	Monday, May 7	6:00 p.m.
1 st /2 nd Grade	Monday, May 7	6:45 p.m.
5 th /6 th Chorus and Band	Tuesday, May 8	6:30 p.m.

All students are expected to be a part of this performance as they have worked very hard to prepare for the concerts and are excited to perform. I encourage everyone to stay for the entire program and enjoy the music and song of all students. Additional information will soon be available. If you have questions please call the school.

LIBRARY BOOKS—All library books are due by Friday, May 7. Students not returning their books by this date will be required to pay the amount it will cost to replace the book. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Billie Schultz.

PLAN AHEAD FOR SUMMER REGISTRATION DATES—Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be held on the following days:

- Wednesday, August 8—8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 3:00-7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 9—3:00-7:00 p.m.

You can register for school any time before the start of school. The Elementary Office will be open during the summer. Please check the school's web site for physical and immunization information.

4TH GRADE NEWS

Brookfield Zoo Field Trip—Each year, as a part of studying the Animal Kingdom in 4th Grade Science, we take a field trip to Brookfield Zoo in Chicago, IL. On Tuesday, April 24 eighty nine fourth grade students and guests boarded Peoria Charter Coach Buses for this annual Brookfield Zoo Field Trip. We were thrilled to have parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and family friends join us for the day. Everyone showed up bright and early at Jubilee Café for a 6:30 a.m. departure and our day began. We arrived at the Zoo around 9:45 a.m. and enjoyed a beautiful, sunny, warm day seeing the animals and visiting the many exhibits until time to depart for home at 3:00 p.m. After a stop at Dwight for dinner, we arrived back at Jubilee Café around 7:00 p.m. Many parents, grandparents, family members and friends bought and sold candy and made donations to help make the trip possible. The students enjoyed themselves greatly and have a lot to share in their narrative essays they are writing about the trip. Students will also be creating a digital Zoo

Scrapbook with Mrs. Danner in computer class and have lots of Zoo Trip pictures to use.

The fourth grade teachers and students would like to say a big "Thank You!" to everyone who attended and all who helped make the trip a great success. We would like to also extend thanks to Jubilee Café who so generously allows us to use their facilities for parking and meeting the Peoria Charter Coach Buses.

One Room School Day—On May 9, the 4th Grade classes will visit the town of Knoxville where they will tour the museum, the old jail, and the one-room school in their park. A retired teacher will conduct old-fashioned lessons at the school. The students are encourage to dress the part of the late 1800's-early 1900's. The children will enjoy old-time games and sack lunches before returning home.

5th Grade Social Studies News—On May 4 and 5 our 5th Grade students will learn about the history of Elmwood. Retired Social Studies Teacher, Mrs. Mary Ann Hanlin will come to the school and teach the children about Elmwood History and lead them on a tour of Elmwood. Thank you to Laredo Taft Museum volunteers and Mrs. Hanlin for their time and expertise.

REMINDERS:

- Our early out days for May will be May 2, 9, 16, 17, 18.
- There will be no school for students on May 21.
- Report Card Day will be Friday, May 22. Students will pick up their report cards and be able to leave. Buses will run and return students soon after receiving report cards.
- Registration for the 2012-2013 School Year:
 - Wednesday, August 8, 2012, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 3:00-7:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, August 9, 2012, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- The Elementary School Office will be open throughout the summer. If you have questions please call or stop in.
- The first day of school to start the 2011-2012 school year will be Monday, August 27 from 8:10-11:30 a.m. Our first full day of school will be Tuesday, August 28. We will be on an Early Out Heat Schedule August 28-31.

MAY BIRTHDAYS—May 23-Mrs. Billie Schultz, May 27-Mrs. Julie Barrett

2012 Elmwood Summer Basketball Camp Schedule

May 15,17,18	Boys and Girls, Kindergarten and 1 st Grade
May 22-25	Boys, Grades 2 and 3, 8:30-12:00
June 29-June 1	Boys, Grades 6 and 7, 8:30-12:00
	Boys, Grades 4 and 5, 12:30-4:00
June 4-8	Girl's Basketball Camp

Boy's Basketball Camp Information is available on the School's Website.