

# Elmwood Elementary School

## March, 2010 Newsletter

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### From the Desk of Mr. Frost

With Spring around the corner we look forward to warmer weather and a busy month of March. Many of our teachers are planning field trips and special activities for our students. The students continue to do a great job with their school work with many special projects displayed in the hallways. ISAT Tests are being given this month, and I encourage all students to do the best they can.

### REMINDER

**Friday, March 5 is the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grading Period. We will have an early out this day. We will dismiss at 2:15.**

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES** - Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 10 (2:30 - 6:30) and March 11 (3:30 - 7:30). Teachers will be contacting parents to schedule times, but I encourage you to take advantage of this time to talk with your child's teacher.

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART** - Congratulations to all the students who participated in this program during their P.E. classes. Our goal for the program was to promote a healthy lifestyle through exercise. We will continue to incorporate these ideas throughout our daily activities. Your dollar contributions to the American Heart Association totaled \$1,735.00. This is a very generous donation from the Elmwood Elementary School/Community. I compliment the families for your support of this program.

**TEACHER REQUESTS** - The deadline for requesting a teacher for the 2010-2011 school year is March 31. All requests must be in writing and sent to Mr. Frost. A reason must be stated as to why a teacher is being requested. Every effort will be made to honor these requests.

**ELMWOOD SPELLING BEE**—Ten students in grades five through eight participated in the Spelling Bee, which took place on February 10, 2010. Eighth grader, Matthew B., was declared champion speller. The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade participants were Austen J., Carter B., Emma T., Austin M., and Gabe I. Matthew will participate in the county division of the Peoria Journal Star Spelling Bee, which will be broadcast on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. Good Luck, Matthew!

**VALENTINE PARTY FOR VETERANS**—On February 11, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Elmwood Elementary School hosted a Valentine Party for Veterans residing in the Elmwood School District. 65 Veterans and spouses were in attendance with parents, family, and friends. Veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf Wars, Coast Guard, and those serving in peace time, as well as some currently serving in guard units enjoyed poems and music presented by the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. Elmwood Elementary School was pleased to honor our Veterans and pay tribute to their service to our country.

**SCHOLASTIC BOWL** - Many of our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are involved in Scholastic Bowl and are enjoying a successful season. Their competition continues through March and the students are doing a great job. Below is a schedule of their remaining meets. Feel free to attend. Everyone is welcome.

March 4	Home vs. Monroe, 4:00 p.m.
March 16	Conference Meet @ Illini Bluffs

**FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BOYS' AND GIRLS' BASKETBALL** - The boys' and girls' basketball seasons are coming to a close. Thank you to the parents for your continued efforts to help the Booster Club with concessions. Both teams have done a great job this year. Congratulations to these boys and girls. Below is a schedule for their remaining games.

March 4	Boy's @ Canton, 5:30
March 6-7	Boy's @ IB Tournament

Tournament Bracket available in office.

**STATE TESTING** - Our annual ISAT Testing for students in grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 is scheduled for March 1-11, 2010. This is a very important time for students to be prepared to do the best they can on these tests. Our teachers are working very hard to prepare the children for these state tests, and I ask all parents to reinforce to their children the importance of being prepared to do their best.

**ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM** - Our students again this year are doing a great job meeting their Accelerated Reader Goals. All 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are earning points with rewards. The Elmwood Elementary Parents' Club is planning the AR Parties for all the students that meet their goals. All 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders that qualify will go to the Canton YMCA on May 12 to enjoy the many activities they have to offer. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders will have their AR party at Fun City in the Quad Cities on May 13, and grades 5 and 6 will go to Fun City on May 14. The children look forward to the AR Parties and the chance to celebrate their Reading accomplishments.

**PARENTS' CLUB** - Thank you very much to all the volunteers who helped make the Scholastic Book Fair another great success! A special thanks to Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Jehle, and Mrs. Danner for the many ways they contributed. We couldn't do it without everyone's help and support.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** The Elmwood Elementary School Carnival will be Saturday, March 20 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. We are in need of volunteers to help set up on Friday afternoon, March 19. If you can help with the carnival and/or set up, please contact Becky or the school office.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7 this year. More information will soon be available.

Thank you for continuing to clip and send the boxtops. Visit [www.boxtopsforeducation](http://www.boxtopsforeducation) to sign up and learn about the different ways to support our school.

The next Parents' Club Meeting is April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary School Library.

**KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE/REGISTRATION** - Elmwood Elementary will be holding an Open House Registration for those parents and next year's Kindergarten students on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. If you have a child that is five years old or who will be turning five on or before September 1, 2010, Kindergarten is in your child's future. You will register your child, meet the teachers, see the classrooms, learn about the curriculum, tour the building, and there will be bus rides for the kids.

Begin to look for your child's birth certificate. You will need to bring it in when you fill out the paperwork. Physical examinations and the required immunizations must be completed by a physician prior to the first day of school, and be given to the school for verification. Parents are encouraged to arrange their appointments with their child's physician well in advance of the beginning of the school year. Please make every effort to turn in all immunization information at registration time.

The general immunizations required for school include:

- MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- IPV (Inactive Polio Vaccine)
- Hepatitis B
- Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Please note: Evidence of your child having Varicella (Chicken Pox), or having been immunized against Varicella, is now necessary as required by state mandate. If your child has had Varicella, a doctor's notice is required and immunization is not necessary.

All children enrolling in Kindergarten are required to have a Vision Examination.

The Blood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act of 1994 requires the screening of children (ages 6 months to 6 years of age) for lead poisoning and a statement from a physician or health care provider verifying the screening prior to admission to school.

If you have questions regarding this information, please call the school (742-4261). Additional information on Kindergarten Registration will soon be available.

**DENTAL EXAMS FOR STUDENTS** - All children in Kindergarten and the second and sixth grades will be required to have a dental examination. All children must be in compliance by May 15, 2011. Please call the office if you have questions or concerns. Dental forms are available in the office.

**STUDENT PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REMINDER**—A Health Examination is required before entering school for all Kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Any 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade child participating in athletics will need a sport's physical.

### CHANGES IN SCHOOL CALENDAR

With the recent snow days there will be changes to the school calendar that will affect the end of the school year. There will be no school on June 1 for a Teacher Institute and June 2 will be Report Card Day. More information and reminders will be available throughout the semester.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1-11	ISAT Testing
March 2	Parents' Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Elementary Library
March 3,5,10,17,24	Early Dismissal
March 5	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks
March 10,24	4-H
March 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30-6:30 p.m.
March 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
March 12	No School
March 19	No School, Teacher Institute
March 20	School Carnival, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Elementary Gym
March 22	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
March 29-April 2	Spring Break, No School

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 21	Mrs. Danner
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**EMERGENCY NUMBERS** - With the year more than half over, please take a moment to think if any of the emergency phone numbers you recorded on registration forms last summer have changed. Send a note to your child's teacher or the office if your work numbers, all phones, pagers, or family and friends' numbers have changed. If we need to reach you in a hurry accurate numbers can make a difference.

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**PEORIA COUNTY BRIGHT FUTURES  
FREE PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS**

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March 9-10 at the United Methodist Church  
(821 W. Main, Elmwood)

Call now to schedule your child's screening appointment.

Only qualified children may attend the BRIGHT FUTURES free pre-school program. This screening process will determine if your child will be eligible for our classroom for the 2010/11 school year.

For more information or to schedule you child's appointment,  
Please call 686-8590

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**REMINDER**

**Elmwood Elementary School Carnival**

**Date: Saturday, March 20, 2010**

**Time: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Place: Elmwood Elementary Gym**

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**

ELMWOOD SUMMER YOUTH LEAGUE  
Baseball/Softball/Teeball Sign Ups

At Morrison and Mary Wiley Library

Wednesday March 3 or March 10  
4:00 - 6 p.m. or

Visit [www.eteamz.com/elmwoodsyl](http://www.eteamz.com/elmwoodsyl) to sign up online

Boys ages 7-14    Girls ages 7-14    Tee Ball ages 5-6

One child--\$40.00    Two Children--\$65.00    Three or more--\$75.00

Any questions contact  
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