

Elmwood Elementary School

March, 2017 Newsletter

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From the Desk of Mr. Frost

SEE YOU THIS SATURDAY!!

Elmwood Elementary School Carnival

Date: Saturday, March 12, 2017

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Place: Elmwood Elementary Gym

COME JOIN THE FUN!

**Returning Favorites: Inflatables, Pop Bottle Ring Toss,
Cake Walk, Toddler Room, Face Painting,
The Unique Twist Balloon Animals, Toot's Treats Ice Cream,
Cotton Candy, Hot Dogs/Chips Meal Games, and Prizes**

Carnival tickets available at the door.

Parent's Club is looking for volunteers to work 1 hour shifts. The Carnival Volunteer Website is <http://signup.com/go/Txjyrb>. Just enter your email address and pick your spot. You can also call Anne Hollis or Kim DeSplinter. Volunteers will receive 5 free carnival tickets for each shift they work. Please help if you can, and thank you for your continued support.

REMINDERS

March 1,8,9,15,22,29—Early Out Schedule, Dismissal at 2:20 p.m.

March 8 and 9—Parent Teacher Conferences, Early Out Schedule

March 10—No School

March 11—School Carnival, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Elementary Gym

March 21—Kindergarten Open House, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

March 27-31—PARCC Testing

April 4—Spring Pictures

April 4—Parents' Club Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Elementary Library

April 12-17—No School, Spring Break

STATE TESTING—The State PARCC Testing for students in grades 3 ,4, 5, and 6 is scheduled for March 27-31. This is a very important time for students to be prepared to do the best they can on these tests. Information sent home will update all parents and families on the PARCC Tests our students will be taking. 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. More information will soon be available. Thank you.

SPRING PICTURES will be taken on Tuesday, April 4. Pictures will be taken and proofs will be sent home. Parents will have the option to purchase a picture packet.

SCHOLASTIC BOWL - Many of our 5th and 6th grade students are involved in Scholastic Bowl and are enjoying a good 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. All home meets will be in the Library. Everyone is welcome.

March 14	Conference Meet, Home, 4:00 p.m.
March 16	@ Norwood, 3:30 p.m.
March 21	@ Farmington, 3:45 p.m.
March 23	@ Pleasant Valley, 3:00 p.m.

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE BOYS' AND GIRLS' BASKETBALL - The 5th and 6th Grade Basketball Teams have finished their seasons. Congratulations to the boy's and girl's teams for successful seasons. Thank you to the parents for your continued efforts to help with concessions, transportation, and your support of the children this year. These programs are fully supported from concession and ticket revenues and donations. Thank you to our sponsors this year:

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ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM - Our students, again this year, are doing a great job meeting their Accelerated Reader Goals. All 2nd through 6th 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 AR Parties will be scheduled in May. More information will soon be available. The children look forward to the chance to celebrate their Reading accomplishments.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE - Elmwood Elementary will be holding a Kindergarten Open House for those parents and next year's Kindergarten students on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. If you have a child that is five years old or who will be turning five on or before September 1, 2017, Kindergarten is in your child's future. We will begin the Kindergarten Open House at 6:00 p.m. with a Parent Meeting in the Gym. You will receive registration information, meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and have the opportunity to have all your questions answered.

Begin to look for your child's birth certificate. Feel free to bring this with you and we will make a copy for our files. 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 prior to the start of school.

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). All required examinations, immunizations, and forms must be on file in the office before the first day of school.

DENTAL EXAMS FOR STUDENTS - All children in Kindergarten, second and sixth grades are required to have a dental examination. All children must be in compliance by May 15, 2016. Please call the office if you have questions or concerns. Dental forms are available in the office.

STUDENT PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REMINDER (2017-2018)—A Health Examination is required before entering school for all Kindergarten and 6th grade students. All required examinations, immunizations, and forms must be on file in the office by the first day of school. Any 5th grade child participating in athletics will need a sport's physical.

All students entering, transferring, or advancing into 6th grade will be required to show proof of receipt of one dose of Tdap vaccine (containing tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis). Most students may have already received the vaccine and simply need to provide the school with verifying documentation from the family health care provider. All students entering 6th grade will also be required to show proof of one dose of Meningococcal Meningitis vaccine given on or after their 11th birthday.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS - 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, emails, or family and friends' numbers have changed. If we need to reach you in a hurry accurate numbers can make a difference.

RECYCLING UPATE:

We have recycled 10,980 pounds or 5.49 tons of recycling material. Great job everyone.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—The 2107 Golf Fore Education Event sponsored by the Elmwood Elementary Parent's Club is scheduled for Saturday, August 26 at Maple Lane Country Club.

From The Desk of Mr. Matheny

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- March 13th - FFA Contest @ Elmwood
 - March 15th – Winter Extra Curricular Awards Program – 7:00 pm
 - March 16th – B/E Baseball @ Roanoke-Benson
 - March 18th – B/E Baseball @ Dunlap 10:00 am/Spring suites 6:30pm
 - March 20th – B/E Softball @ Henry
 - March 21st – B/E Softball vs Stark County @ Brimfield 4:30/Elmwood Chapter FFA banquet
 - March 22nd – B/E Baseball vs Putnam County @ Brimfield 4:30
 - March 23rd B/E Baseball vs Stark County @ BHS 4:30/Softball vs Putnam Valley @ BHS 4:15
 - March 24th – B/E Baseball vs Limestone @ BHS 4:15
 - March 25th – B/E Baseball @ Pekin 10:00am
 - March 27th – Board Mtg. 6:00pm
 - March 28th – Track @ Knoxville, Baseball vs Canton and Softball Home @ MW Central 4:30
 - March 29th – Baseball @ United Home 4:30
 - March 30th – HS track Home/B/E Baseball @ Illini Bluffs 4:30
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- With the remodeling going on at the High School, the parking lot will be limited the remainder of the school year. Students may be dropped off near the concession stand to enter through the gym doors near the football/track field. Those doors will be accessible from 7:30-8:10 am daily. If you are dropping off after 8:10 you must enter from the Morgan street side of the building. During the remainder of the school year entry will be on the Morgan street side for all after school functions. Sorry for your inconvenience!
 - **Congratulation to Gabriel Haskell on placing 2nd in the Veterans of Foreign War Essay Contest. This is two years in a row that a student or students have placed in this contest in school history! Awesome job Gabby!**
 - **Congratulation to Andrew Lueschow on being selected as an Honorable Mention recipient of the IHSA All-Academic Team. Of the 475 students that applied, Andrew is 1 of 50 to be named to the IHSA All-Academic Honorable Mention Team! He will receive a certificate as well as an All-Academic Team program! Great Job Drew!**