

Elmer Eagle News

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September/October

ISSUE



Reminders from the Office

Arrival and Dismissal Information: Elmer Elementary School begins the school day at 8:10 am and dismisses at 2:46 pm. **Students not riding the bus may arrive at school no earlier than 7:55 unless enrolled in the SACC Program.** From 7:55 am - 8:10 am, parents will be able to drop off students in the Parent Loop. Please 'Drop and Go' if you drop off your child(ren) early. We want to try and prevent traffic backing up onto Front Street. Once buses arrive, the Main loop will be closed until they depart. Everyday pick-up ("Express" Pick Up) will be from 2:40 pm until 3 pm. An "Express" Pick Up form must be completed.

Labeling is the key! Please remember to label all of your child's items with his/her first and last name. We had many items left in our 'Lost & Found' at the end of our last school year. Having items clearly labeled ensures items are returned to their rightful owner. Thank you for your help and support!

Parking: If you plan on walking your child into school or you have something you need to drop off to the office in the morning, we ask that you either please park off premises or off onto the left-hand side of our Parent Drive on the grass. Your cooperation is appreciated!

1st Grade Corner

Welcome to First Grade! We are impressed with our Fabulous First Graders! The first few weeks of school we learned our school and classroom routines and rules. The students are now showing their Elmer P.R.I.D.E. everywhere they go. In Language Arts, we have started Reading, Writing, Grammar, Spelling, and Handwriting. During Math, we are working on creating and solving addition problems and number stories. "Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations."- Bob Beauprez. You can help your First Grader succeed by reading and signing the agenda, looking through and emptying the Eagle folder, and helping with homework every evening.

2nd Grade Corner

The children have made a smooth transition from First to Second Grade and the Second Grade teachers are looking forward to another exciting year. In order to promote kindness and compassion in our grade level, the second grade students are taking part in the "bucket filler" program. Each teacher read the book entitled Have You Filled a Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud. The book explains that each of us has an invisible bucket with us at all times. Buckets get filled when others show kindness and compassion to you or when you show kindness to others. Unfortunately, your bucket can also be emptied when you are unkind or others are unkind to you. We have emphasized to the students that when you're a bucket filler, you make your school a better place. One way that you can reinforce this program at home is to ask your child whether he/she was a bucket filler today.

BSI Corner

What is Basic Skills Instruction?
B.S.I, or Basic Skills Instruction, is supplemental instruction. It correlates but is in addition to your child's classroom instruction. Children meet in small groups daily for approximately 30 minutes. Children qualify for basic skills instruction based on teacher recommendation, assessment/test scores and Guided Reading Level. Students may receive instruction in Wilson Foundations, a phonics/spelling program that uses multisensory teaching techniques. Students may also receive instruction using Fountas & Pinnell's Leveled Literacy Intervention program. These students will be working to improve their reading and writing skills. Math students will receive skills instruction following core curriculum standards and classroom based learning. ~ Mrs. Poolake & Mrs. Snyder

FUTURE EVENTS

Constitution Day Assembly
9/16



Author Spotlight Assembly
9/23



School Pictures - 10/5



Back to School Night
Norma Elementary - 9/21

Back to School Night
Elmer Elementary - 9/27

Back to School Night
Olivet Elementary - 9/28



Fire Prevention week of
10/10
Assembly - 10/14



Week of Respect 10/3

Author Spotlight Assembly
10/3



School Violence Awareness
Week of 10/17

Halloween Festivities - 10/31



Principal

Daniel F. Bruce
Ext. 4770

School Nurse

Tracie Ewing
Ext. 4772

School Secretary

Stephanie Costanzo
Ext. 4771

Guidance Counselor

Terri Probasco
Ext. 4506

BSI/Head Teacher

Donna Poolake
Ext. 3204

1st Grade Lead Teacher

Erin Talarico
Ext. 3206

2nd Grade Lead Teacher

Maria Ricci
Ext. 3210

Speech Teacher

Keyanah West
Ext. 3261

Special Area Teachers

Jason Ragan - Music
Ext. 3243

Gwen Acosta - Library
Ext. 3201

Janice Chassier - Art
Ext. 3244

Robert Hall - G & T
Ext. 3232

Irene Krawiec - Gym
Ext. 3246

Eileen Miller - Technology
Ext. 3256

Joyce Moskalow - Spanish
Ext. 3136

Nurse News

I would like to say **Welcome Back**. Time goes by so quickly it seems like yesterday we were waving the students goodbye for the summer. Just a few healthy tips I would like to share with you if I may.....

1. *Please check the weather for proper clothing, it is now getting cool outside. With the leaves falling, allergies, asthma, colds, flu, virus, and sniffles will also be upon us.*
2. *Please have your child eat a healthy breakfast in the morning. It keeps the energy level up and going for the busy day. Please have your child get plenty of rest the night before.*
3. *Please speak to your doctor about any concerns you may have with the flu vaccine, virus, immunization, or any general health concerns.*
4. *Please make appointments for the dentist to keep your child's teeth healthy and bright all year long. On occasion a referral may come home with a note, "it is time for a check-up."*

Very important is the **Handbook**. This gives vital information about medication forms, medication policies for our school, and very important information about the Health Office.

Please do not send medication with the student to the school.....It must be brought in by a parent or guardian with a doctor's note. A parent note will be accepted for the items listed in the handbook.

Thank you, we appreciate your help in this matter.

Please keep your child home if he or she is ill or not feeling well. Your child must be 24hrs. fever free (without fever reducing medications) to return to school.

Please call me anytime. I am always happy to hear from you and keep communication open to you and your family.

Have a wonderful school year and stop in. * Mrs. Ewing, RN * Elmer Elementary School Nurse



Counselor Connection

Welcome Back from the Guidance Department!

Welcome to all of our students new to the district! If your child is having difficulty transitioning to their new school, please let me know through e-mail at

tprobasco@pittsgrove.net

I am privileged to work with students on an individual and small group basis regarding basic social, an emotional needs related to our academic setting. Character Education is taught through monthly lessons on P.R.I.D.E. The month of September is PATIENCE. October is RESPECT. Special activities this month will include the following observances;

Week of Respect 10/3 - 10/7

School Violence Awareness Week 10/17 -10/21

Red Ribbon Week 10/24 - 10/28

Additionally, I am the Anti-Bullying HIB Specialist. If you have concerns that your child may be experiencing conflict with another student, please e-mail me as soon as possible. We want to ensure that all of our students will learn to resolve conflict with each other in a developmentally appropriate manner. This concept is reinforced in the monthly lessons.

Caught by the Eagle is our monthly lunchtime assembly to recognize students who have been "caught" demonstrating P.R.I.D.E. Group pictures of awardees are posted in the main hall. Thank You!

Mrs. Terri Probasco Elmer School Counselor Monday-Wednesday Ext. 4773
Norma School Counselor Thursday, Friday Ext. 4711

Special Education News

Cool Websites . . .
check these out!

Math Practice:

xtramath.org

coolmath-games.com

Reading Practice:

disneydigitalbooks.go.com

www.spinandspell.com

http://www.starfall.com

Just for Fun:

kids.nationalgeographic.com

www.sproutonline.com/games

www.smithsonianeducation.org/students/

pbskids.org

For Parents/Guardians:

readingrockets.org

scholastic.com/parents/

MD Program

Welcome back! We are off to a great start and looking forward to another exciting school year. The students are adjusting nicely back into their routines and making new friends along the way. We are picking up where we left off in June, and continuing to work hard and do our best by showing Elmer P.R.I.D.E.! There are a lot of big plans this year; we will be working on reading, writing, addition and subtraction. ~ Mrs. Lodge - Special Education Teacher

1st Grade Special Education

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We are working hard on learning the daily routines and rules to follow in our First Grade classroom. Independence is stressed as well as learning to get along with our friends at our table. We are off to a fantastic year! If you have any questions or concerns please let me know. Sincerely, Annette Scholl- Sp. Education Teacher

2nd Grade Special Education

Our 2nd Grade Co-Teaching Classroom is falling into a great start to the school year. We are excited to be working our math program (MyMath) focusing on strategies for Addition and Subtraction. Journeys is the main focus for Language Arts. We are building our Schema with vocabulary and comprehension skills. With Science Fusions we are learning to work like Scientists and building our Inquiry Skills to help with investigations. We have some fun projects/activities to look forward to (Fall Scavenger Hunt, Apple tasting, and Pumpkin Decorating) Happy Autumn!~ Mr. Driscoll, Sp. Education Teacher

A Message from your Principal

Dear Elmer Elementary Family:

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Elmer Elementary School. We are excited to have you as partners in your child's education. Here at Elmer Elementary, we strive to provide our students with many worthwhile learning opportunities, which will help them grow and mature into well-rounded 1st and 2nd Grade students.

We have many activities throughout the school year, which you will find on our monthly parent calendar and letter. We encourage you to come to our annual Back to School Night on September 27th from 7-8 pm. Schools are the hub of our communities and this event provided time for you to visit our school, meet your child's teacher, and learn a little bit more about the many wonderful programs, activities, and learning experiences planned for your child this school year. Working together in a partnership is key. If for any reason you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

It is my sincere hope that you and your child(ren) have a memorable experience at Elmer Elementary School. I look forward to working with you this school year. Together we will make it a great year!

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." - Benjamin Franklin

Cordially, Daniel F. Bruce - Principal

