

Important Dates in November

Wednesday, 11/22

2:20 Dismissal

Thursday, 11/23 and Friday 11/25

NO SCHOOL—THANKSGIVING BREAK

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From the Desk of the Principal

Here at Grandview we strongly believe in two things: 1) Student learning and 2) Building a sense of community among our students and teachers. In order to accomplish these goals there are several things taking place at Grandview.

Student Learning:

We have a rigorous curriculum and great teachers. Students are held to a high standard when it comes to their achievement. Each and every student can achieve success and we believe it is our job to prepare them for success. If students struggle to understand important concepts we offer support in many ways. Teachers are always available before and after school to work with kids. Students who need high levels of support receive additional instruction in reading and math. We also offer Antler Academy from 3:30pm-4:30pm for students who have fallen more than 3 assignments behind. All in the name of student learning!

Building a sense of community:

Our students and staff will be participating in numerous activities to connect our students to each other and the school as a whole.

A pumpkin decorating contest was recently held amongst the PRIDE Time classes. See a photo of the entries on Page 7.

Red Ribbon Week was celebrated by students receiving a red ribbon with a number on it that allowed them to win prizes each day.

Each grade level had a presentation on the importance of making healthy choices. The 6th graders experienced a lesson on healthy decision making & recognized students with Starburst Awards. The 7th graders heard about the dangers of social media - "Nothing is private and there is no such thing as anonymity". The 8th graders attended a special presentation from Dillon's House on the dangers of prescription drugs.

The staff did a costume walk for the students on October 31 to start the day with teams of teachers dressing up in theme costumes. Students voted for winners in several categories. See a photo of the entire staff in costumes on Page 7.

The Mitten Tree Project will be up and running in the office on November 20th in the afternoon. Please consider being a part of this great Holiday event by having your student pick up a "Mitten" and purchasing a holiday gift for a student in need.

Introducing Pride Perks! Every student carries with them a Pride Perks Card. This card will allow teachers to sign a students card when they catch them doing something great! Students can earn prizes as they work to fill up their card.

We hope your kids are participating in and enjoying all of these activities.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Attendance....6th=94%, 7th=85%, 8th=80%

Thank you to everyone who attended. We hope you found them to be informative and enjoyable. I

Early Dismissal-Wednesday, Nov. 22

School will be dismissed one hour early at all Elkhorn Schools on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd. Reminder there is no school on November 23 and 24. Happy Thanksgiving!!

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EGMS Booster Club Meeting & Parent Communication Meeting

Our November meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 2nd . The Booster Club Meeting will start at 6:30pm and the Parent Communication Meeting will start at 7pm. **The agenda for the Parent Communication meeting will include: Enrollment Projections, Personnel Proposals for 2017-2018 and EGMS "Community Building" updates.**

Mark your calendar for the remaining Booster Club/Parent Communication dates:

Dec. 5

Jan – no meeting

Feb. 6

March 1

April 3

May – no meeting

Makeup Days for Missed School Days (Snow Days)

As we approach the winter months, it is important to note a change to the EPS calendar from past years. The Elkhorn Board of Education has built in two makeup days to the calendar in the event that school is canceled due to inclement weather (snow days). The first makeup day is scheduled for **May 24, 2018**. This date will become a vacation day if there are no missed school days during 2017-2018.

If there are two or more missed school days during 2017-2018 students will also have a makeup day on **May 25, 2018**. This day will become a vacation day if there are one or fewer missed school days during 2017-2018—moving the last day of school to May 24.

The first two missed days will be made up; in the event of three or more snow days the administration will reevaluate the calendar at that time.

DAILY BULLETIN

Parents may view the EGMS daily announcements at: www.elkhornweb.org, EGMS heading and then click on Daily Bulletin.

POWER SCHOOL

If you did not attend Open House or conferences , you may still pick up your username and password information from the office. This will give you access to your child's grade book for each class. District policy states that parents/guardians must personally come in to the office to sign and pick up this confidential information. Unfortunately, we are not allowed to mail or send this information home with students. Please take advantage of this powerful tool.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

We've had a great start to the school year and we'd like to thank you for your continued cooperation and patience during these busy times of the day. As a quick reminder, the more cars we can have loading and unloading at a time the better. When you pick up after school, if you can call or text your child to let them know you are here, they can start looking for you and not wait at the front

LUNCH ACCOUNT REMINDER

When you send a check to school with your student to make a deposit in to their lunch account please include your student's name and ID # on the memo line. If you are sending in cash to be deposited, please place in an envelope and label it with your student's name and ID #. Thanks for your cooperation.

BOARD/ADMINISTRATOR RETREAT

On November 27, all district administrators will meet with the Board of Education from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. to discuss relevant topics to the district. The middle school success will be a feature presentation at the retreat. The Board and administrators meet once in the fall and once in the spring each year.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be sent home with your student on Wednesday, November 15. Please look for the envelope that you will sign and return to school.

EPS FALL WRITING ASSESSMENT

All 8th grade students at Grandview Middle School will participate in the Elkhorn Public Schools Fall Writing Assessment during the week of November 13-17. Teachers will use the results from the district assessment to determine each student's areas for growth in regards to the six traits of writing prior to the state assessment in the spring. Elkhorn consistently ranks toward the top in all areas of the state assessment, and we want that trend to continue. In order to ensure your kids have the most success, please make sure your child is getting plenty of rest and eating a good breakfast before they come to school.

THANK YOU PARENTS!!

Many thanks to the parents who provided meals for our staff during Parent/Teacher Conferences. The food was delicious and greatly appreciated by all! Parents who donated items included: Kimberly Kingston, Stacy Dryak, Sue Aliano, Carol Tillman, Katie Karmazin, Renee Vokt, Susan Coe, Sara Reynolds, Rebecca Gibson, Allison Wagner, Heidi Burke, Shelly Wiley, Pam White, Chris Hanson, Belynda Dingman, Angela Monaghan, Meggan Farmer, Jennifer Newby, Abdul Hadi, Jeanine Freeman, Anne Revers, Abbie Warren, Vicki Johnson, Totsy Bekhbat, Stephanie Reinhardt, Cindy Moresette, Angel White, Laurie Ridder, Shaini Carney, Tiffany Evans, Olivia Weddell, Laura Albus, Tiffany Brettmann, Lindsay Turner, Tracy Priester, Megan Taglaiol, Janel Asuncion, and Ginny Ripley. A special thanks goes out to Lisa Pollan for all her efforts to coordinate, set-up and clean-up the meals.

BOX TOPS UPDATE:

CONGRATULATIONS again to **Mrs. Eikmeier's 6th grade PRIDE class** for submitting the most Box Tops during our 1st Quarter collection drive: **576!!!** Mrs. Eikmeier's class was treated to donuts, hot chocolate and juice as a reward for their efforts. Honorable mention also goes out to Mrs. Simonich's PRIDE group, who submitted 410 Box Tops and Mrs. Schwahn's PRIDE group, who submitted 351 Box Tops. **All told we collected 3,369 Box Tops which translates to \$336.90 for our school....that's more than 1/3 of the way towards our \$1000 goal for the year!** Great job, Antlers!

EMS BOOSTER CLUB NOTES

Thanks go out to the following people who volunteered to work in the concession stand during volleyball games and to Kelly Schlott for keeping the stand staffed and stocked: Vicki Johnson, Bryn Groenjes, Carly Cameron, Maddie Koelzer, Hanna Jesske, Brett LaFleur, John Revers, Anne Revers, Molly Alonso, and Lauren Going.

We are still looking for volunteers to work the concession stands for the boys basketball games. There is a big window that gives you a perfect view of the court so you don't even have to miss the game. We encourage parents of all students to volunteer to help whether they have a student athlete or not. Here is the link to sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d45acaf22a3f49-7thand>

Holiday Hurrah!!

The Booster Club will again be giving Grandview families an opportunity to skip the shopping for teachers and staff and instead contribute to our Holiday Hurrah fund. 100% of the money collected will be divided among all EGMS staff members. This will make your lives easier and more importantly, ensure that EVERY staff member is recognized and thanked. Please be watching for specific information to come out around Thanksgiving.

Health Screening

We will be conducting Health Screenings on Thursday, Nov. 2, and are seeking volunteers to help the nurse. Please see the following link to sign up and get more information:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0845a5a62fa02-health2>



Our next official Box Tops collection drive will take place during the week of December 4 – 8, but any Box Tops turned in between now and then will go towards the 2nd Quarter totals. So, DON'T WAIT! SEND IN YOUR BOX TOPS NOW!!! And, remember Grandview, EVERY CLIP COUNTS!!!

District Spelling Bee

Each grade level at EGMS sent 2 representatives to the EPS district-wide competition. The district Spelling Bee was held at Elkhorn Ridge Middle School on October 25th. Representing 6th grade were Ally Dworak and Noah Warren, 7th graders were Hridai Panchal and Wells Johnson, and for 8th grade it was Erin Haight and Vitor Labegaline. Congratulations to all our EGMS student representatives and a special shout-out to Eryn Haight for bringing home the 2nd Place trophy. Way to go EGMS!



First Quarter PRIDE Award Winners

6th Grade: Alexis Page & Grey Jarzynka

7th Grade: Emily Miller & Joe Norman

8th Grade: Paige Stessman & Alex Hagestad



6th Grade News

Mrs. Blomenkamp, Mrs. Bodyfield, Mrs. Eikmeier, Mr. Kment, Mrs. Kuiper, Mr. Lucks, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Royal, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. White

Reading students will continue a unit on the novel, Tuck Everlasting. They will also continue studying Greek and Latin roots, prefixes and suffixes. The next AR goal is due December 18th. Parents can access the AR Home Connect web site at <https://Host-ed29.renlearn.com/202843/HomeConnect>. Ask your child to log in using their AR username and password to check their progress toward their goal.

In Math 6, students will be finishing a unit on ratios, rates and unit rates. Then

they will be converting between fractions, decimals and percentages. Pre-Concepts are in the middle of a unit on integers and will begin working with number theory and then solving equations.

Social studies students are completing a unit over the Levels of Government, and will begin a unit in Economics.

Students in Science will be studying the web of life and will be learning about how all living things are connected.

In Language Arts, the stu-

dents have been practicing how to respond to a piece of literature that they have read. We have been working with the Reading class to accomplish this. This new Text Dependent Analysis will be something that will be used in the near future on our third quarter common assessment. Our grammar focus will be put upon adjectives. Another writing focus will be on different types of paragraph writing. Our second quarter common assessment will cover this topic.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE 6TH GRADE HOMEWORK PAGE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE!

7th Grade News

Mr. Bluhm, Mrs. Bodyfield, Mr. Feickert, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Harger, Ms. Jussel, Mrs. Kudrna, Mr. Kush, Mrs. Lorensen, Mrs. Pilkington

In Science, 7th graders are starting the Inside Earth unit. In this unit we will study the structure of the interior of the Earth and how forces inside the Earth shape the surface. We will also study natural hazards such as earthquakes and volcanoes in this unit.

In Language Arts, we will be reviewing parts of speech. There will be a District Common Assessment over this unit which will take place the week before Thanksgiving break. The final week of November will be spent on a fun creative writing unit.

Math classes have started a unit on adding, subtracting,

multiplying, and dividing integers. At the end of this chapter we will complete another district common assessment involving all operations with integers.

Pre-Algebra students are working through Chapter 2:~ Equations.~ Students will learn to simplify algebraic expressions and solve one-step and two-step equations involving all operations.

In World History we are currently finishing up our Egypt unit. We will spend a short amount of time covering India and China before moving on to our Ancient Greece unit.

In Reading class, students are continuing to work on the Elements of Fiction and will have a common assessment in December. We are beginning our mystery novel unit, **THE WESTING GAME**. This should take us to Thanksgiving break. The goal is to complete the novel and have the AR test for it taken **before** going on Thanksgiving break! **AR goals for 2nd quarter are due Monday, December 18th!**

6th and 7th
GRADE NEWS

8th Grade News

Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Bloom, Ms. Borer, Ms. Everly, Mr. Feickert, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Harger, Mrs. Kudrna, Mr. Kush, Ms. Mimick, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Simonich

Thank you to all who attended conferences. It was good to see you support your students. Progress Reports will be sent home with your students on November 16th. Please mark your calendars and ask your students for these.

In Language Arts we will continue working on descriptive writing and practice with essays to prepare for our district writing common assessment the week of November 14th.

In Reading we will be finishing up our elements of fiction study. Our district assessment over fiction will be the

first week of November. We will begin our unit of Nonfiction with a focus on text features and organizational patterns. Make sure your student is reading each night for 30 minutes in order to achieve their AR goal. The AR deadline is December 16, 2015.

In American History we will be studying Manifest Destiny and westward expansion.

In science we are in our earth science unit. We will investigate types of weathering, effects of erosion, the rock cycle, soil formation, fossils and geologic timescale.

Pre-Algebra students will be converting fractions, decimals and percents along with proportions. Next, we will begin a unit involving algebraic expressions and equations. Algebra students will be solving and graphing inequalities (including linear inequalities) and will begin solving systems of equations and inequalities next. As always, please encourage your child to come see us for any additional help or reinforcement!! It was great seeing everyone at conferences.

8th GRADE NEWS

8th GRADE STUDENTS and PARENTS:

Mark your calendars for Monday, March 5, 2018 for Incoming 9th Grade Registration night at EHS. Music begins around 5:30 p.m., Presentation starts at 6:00 p.m.

It is helpful if all incoming 9th graders and their parents can attend.

8th Grade Family and Consumer Sciences News:

Ms. Hesse

Half of the sixth graders will start their Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) rotation on Friday, November 10th. The other half will start FCS in January. Students will spend time learning about families, as well as kitchen safety and sanitation, before they enter modules. Every sixth grader will complete two modules in FCS: *Baking & Measurement* and *Child Care & Development*. During these modules, students will either work in pairs or groups of three as they complete the 8-day lessons at computer stations using Moodle. In *Baking & Measurement* students will learn how to correctly measure ingredients, follow a recipe, and use various kitchen equipment while they prepare pigs in a blanket, caramel rolls, oatmeal raisin cookies, and brownies. In *Child Care & Development*, students will learn about the development of children from infancy through preschool-age and how to care for these ages. They will also learn about ways to be a great babysitter including safety, behavior management, play, and business tips.



PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST ENTRIES



STAFF COSTUME WALK

Band News

Mr. Johnson

November 7 Concert – On Tuesday, November 7, all the band students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will be performing their first concert of the year. It will take place in the EGMS gym and starts at 7:00 PM. All students will be expected to arrive by 6:30 PM for warm-ups. Please come to encourage your students and enjoy a fabulous concert. Concert attire is expected for all students and will include: black pants, solid black socks, solid black shoes, and the EGMS Music Polo shirt (tucked in!!!). This shirt may be purchased through either Mr. Johnson or Mrs. Schwahn for \$10.



December 8 - 6th Grade Band @ EHS!!!– On Friday, December 8, the 6th grade band has been invited to perform with the EHS high school band at a varsity basketball game. More details will be sent home with the students as we get closer to the event, but students should plan to report to the EHS Auditorium by 6:00 PM. Students will then play for the 2nd half of the Girls game, between games, and warmups for the Boys game. Students will be dismissed following the start of the Boys game. Participating students will be admitted to the game free, but parents and siblings will need to pay normal admission or show their Elkhorn Activity Passes. Dress for this event will be jeans, tennis shoes, and their black EGMS Music Polo shirt (tucked in!). This is always a fun evening for the students, so please put it on your calendar!

6th Grade Instrument Switchers and Doublers – We have reached that time of the year where we are looking for 6th graders to switch to some of the “color” instruments of the band. These instruments include French horns, tubas, double reeds (oboes and bassoons), bass clarinets, and tenor and baritone saxophones. While limited in number, these instruments play a vital role in every quality band program. These instruments help add tone quality and depth to support the sounds produced by the instruments we already have, including flutes, clarinets, alto saxophones, trumpets, trombones, baritones, and percussion. Over the coming weeks, we will be letting interested students try these instruments to see if they are a good match. Interested students should talk to their parents about the possibility of switching, demonstrate a desire to practice often, and excel at their current instrument. For those interested, it is possible for students to double (play 2 instruments) rather than switching all out. In 7th and 8th grades, this would mean playing one instrument for concert band during school and another instrument for jazz band before school. In many instances, there are school instruments available, although the quantity is limited. Please feel free to contact Mr. Johnson by email or by phone at school if you have any questions. Parents will be contacted personally before any decisions are made. Our intention is to have the entire process completed by the middle of December. Thanks again to all parents for their continuing support of music in our schools.

BAND NEWS

Private Lessons – At Elkhorn Grandview Middle School, we try to provide every student with as much time and individual attention as possible to make them the best musicians they can be. However, for those students that either desire more intense musical pursuits or need that extra attention to continue improving their skills, seeking a private instructor for your student is an excellent option. Besides guaranteed one-on-one instruction on a regular basis, usually weekly, private instructors are experts on their individual instruments and can bring that professional expertise to your student. While most private instructors teach out of a studio at a music store or their home, some will drive to your home to provide the lessons. There are many private teachers available with varying personalities, areas of emphasis, and years of experience so matching your student with the right teacher is very important. If you are interested in private instruction for your student, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Johnson at any time.

Counselor's Corner

Below is information about upcoming events, potential opportunities, and resources available for Elkhorn Grandview families.

Are you looking to expose your child to different career options? If so, check out **EXPLORING** "Real World Career Experiences"

What is Exploring? Exploring is a career education program, sponsored by area businesses that help young adults make a more informed decision about future careers and determine if a particular career is the right one for them. Exploring is about gaining practical experience in a career field. The result is a program of activities that help youth pursue their special interests, grow and develop. The link below will be able to provide you more information about the specific programs and when they meet.

For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.omahaexploring.org/>

Food and Holiday Assistance- If your student or family may benefit from food or Holiday assistance, please contact EGMS school counselor (Kyle Peterson).

Arbor Family Services- Elkhorn Public Schools partners with Arbor Family Services to serve students and their families. Arbor Family provides two free sessions with a counselor regarding a specific issue. Arbor Family works with students and their families on a variety of issues such as, wellness, stress, divorce, parenting/children, eating disorders, school problems, work problems, managing change, depression/anxiety, relationships, trauma, drug/alcohol abuse and more. If you would like more information, please contact Arbor Family at 402-330-0960 or your school counselor.

Partners in Education- Partners in Education is a program that pairs students with adults from the community. The program is designed with an academic focus to provide adult support for student success. Mentors help students with homework, assigned readings and aid them in test taking techniques and time management. Mentors can have a huge impact on student success. If you or someone you know may be interested in becoming a mentor and receiving more information about the program, please call 402-289-2579, log-on to www.elkhornweb.org and click on "Mentoring Partners" under "District Programs" or contact your school counselor.

**If there is a concern or need your student or family has throughout the year, please contact:
Kyle Peterson 402-289-9399

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Resources

*Nebraska Family Helpline- Trained Counselors 24/7/365 (1-888-866-8660)

www.nebraskafamilyhelpline.ne.gov

*Boys Town National Hotline-24/7 Help (1-800-448-3000)

Yourlifeyourvoice.org*National Suicide Prevention Lifeline-

<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

13 Minute Campaign for Suicide Prevention

<http://www.13minutes.org/>

*Arbor Family Counseling-402-330-0960

COUNSELOR'S
CORNER



Vocal Music News

Mrs. Schwahn

Our first choir concert of the year is Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Grandview main gym. Student performers should arrive by 6:30 p.m. dressed in concert attire.

The Choir Uniform for all performances (unless otherwise specified) is:

EGMS music shirt. (Each student will need to purchase an EGMS music department shirt. Further information on purchasing the shirts will be coming out soon.)

Black Dress Pants/Slacks (**no jeans, no leggings, no yoga pants or sweat pants, no skirts**)

Solid Black Flat Closed-Toed Dress Shoes (**no athletic shoes**)

Congratulations to the following students who auditioned and made it into the UNO Honor Choir this year! The date for the Honor Choir is January 19, 2018.

Emileigh Nagunst

Macey Hansen

Paige Willcoxon

Emily Liska

Ethan Pollan

Keller Cox

Nathan Ray

Trey McDougald

Max Newby

Parker Mahloch



Show Choir Choreography Sessions

The next choreography session for our show choirs is on Saturday, November 11th. Grand Marquee will go from 8-noon, Grand Entrance from 12:30-3:30

EGMS VIEWING OF THE MOVIE "WONDER" !!!

Friday, November 17th @ 6:00 p.m.

Majestic Cinema

144th & Maple

Pre-order tickets from Mrs. Annis

\$6.00 each

Limited to 131 seats in our theater!

TRAILER: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngiK1gOKgK8>



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November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				Health Screenings 7BB vs EVMS 4:15pm 8BB @ EVMS 4:15pm EGMS Booster Meeting 6:30pm Parent Communication Meeting 7:00pm		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Daylight Savings Time Ends TURN CLOCKS BACK		6th-8th grade Band Concert 7:00 pm		7BB @ Norris 4:15 pm 8BB vs Norris 4:15 pm	7th Grade Activity Night 7-9 pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	7BB @Platteview 4:15 pm 8BB vs Platteview 4:15 pm School Board Meeting 6:30		PROGRESS REPORTS SENT HOME	7BB @ EMS 4:15 pm 8BB vs EMS 4:15 pm	"Wonder" Movie Majestic Theatre 6:00 p.m.	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	7BB @ Gretna 4:15 pm 8BB vs Gretna 4:15 pm	7BB vs Gretna Aspen 4:15 pm 8BB @ Gretna Aspen 4:15 pm	ONE HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL	THANSGIVING BREAK	THANSGIVING BREAK	
26	27	28	29	30		
	School Board/Administrator Workshop 3:30 pm	6th-8th grade Vocal Music Concert 7:00 pm		7BB vs ERMS 4:15 pm 8BB @ ERMS 4:15 pm		

UNDERSTANDING DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

As Elkhorn Public Schools expands access to technology for instructional purposes, the district is also aware of the need to define digital citizenship and promote the importance of students being good digital citizens. In addition to providing information to students, we believe it may also be helpful to share resources with families. This brochure explains the components of digital citizenship as well as some best practices for being a good digital citizen. The following information is from Common Sense Media; to learn more, visit www.commonsensemedia.com.

INTERNET SAFETY AND PRIVACY

Several topics are vital to ensuring full understanding of the importance of safe Internet practices:

- * Identify risky online situations and explain the importance of alerting an adult immediately
- * Secure all devices, both hand-held and stationary and develop high quality passwords
- * Understand the dangers of downloads and how they are used as part of your digital footprint
- * Identify appropriate information that can be shared

Most importantly, those using the Internet should always remember there is no such thing as total privacy online.

DIGITAL FOOTPRINT, COMMUNICATION AND REPUTATION

Individuals utilizing the Internet and social media must understand that all online activity leaves a digital footprint in the form of information that exists about an individual as a result of their online activity. Because this information is easily linked to a specific individual, it can oftentimes be used to harm a person's reputation, even outside of the cyber world. Individuals should remember that what they are putting out there today will still be available for years to come. Being aware of this may be the difference between being hired for your dream job, or being passed over due to unflattering information that was discovered from one's use of an online platform earlier in life. For those wanting to clean up their digital footprint and move forward with creating a positive one, the following steps should be considered:

- * Review all social media accounts and delete anything that you wouldn't want a future employer to access, but remember that even "deleted" posts can still turn up in searches so always think twice before posting anything; once that step is complete, turn all settings to private and monitor the settings regularly, as sites often update their settings and some things could change without your knowledge.
- * Delete abandoned accounts and unsubscribe to mailing lists that might be considered undesirable or that you no longer find relevant.
- * Post about topics you're passionate about and explain why you feel that way; find positive things happening around you and share those instead of today's most viral video.



CREATIVE CREDIT AND COPYRIGHT

There are several ways to ensure proper credit is given and copyright is protected when using information gathered online; the most important of those being correctly citing sources, avoiding plagiarism, and always checking any images used for creator's rights.

INFORMATION LITERACY

Information literacy is a term often associated with understanding the tools used to gather information and knowing where that information is coming from. Individuals utilizing the Internet for research should always be sure that the information they are collecting is accurate and reliable by verifying the credibility of any website utilized in the information collection process.

BALANCING TECHNOLOGY USE

Parents often look for new ways to create a balance between learning and using technology appropriately, and participating in other activities that are essential to a child's development. Finding that balance between the two can be the difference between a healthy relationship and an unhealthy reliance. Several strategies exist to ensure that a healthy relationship with technology is built beginning with the early stages of use. The following information is from research done by Michigan State University Extension; to learn more, visit <https://goo.gl/bMC2a3>.

UNDERSTAND YOUR PATTERN OF USE AND CREATE BOUNDARIES

Most people don't realize the amount of time they spend using technology unless it is pointed out to them. Take an inventory of your family's use and understand when, why, and how you're using technology. Is all of it necessary? Are you and/or your family benefiting from that time spent with technology? Understanding your pattern of use is the first step in creating boundaries that both you and your family can stick to.

BE INTENTIONAL IN DETERMINING DOWNTIME

Being constantly connected can hinder active learning, as one becomes passive in taking in new information because he or she is constantly "learning" new things. Taking a step away from technology and the absorption of information allows one's brain a needed break and creates an active learning environment. By being intentional in determining technology downtime, you are giving your brain that break to be able to focus on other things.

BE THE EXAMPLE AND SET THE EXPECTATION

Kids learn by following an example - following the same technology use rules you set for your children is the best way to show them a healthy relationship with technology. Setting usage time limits, creating intentional face-to-face opportunities, and implementing device-free zones are all ways to ensure too much time isn't spent on technology for entertainment purposes.



EPS Staff Directories and Email Addresses

Parents - as a reminder, please always double check the email address of any staff member you are attempting to contact, as some email addresses include a number in them. If you are not sure of the correct address, you can find all addresses and email all staff members directly by clicking their name on the following "Staff Listing" page on our website: <http://www.elkhornweb.org/hillrise/teacher-sites/staff/>

Elkhorn High School
Elkhorn South High School
Elkhorn Grandview Middle School
Elkhorn Middle School
Elkhorn Ridge Middle School
Elkhorn Valley View Middle School
Arbor View Elementary and Early Education Center
Fire Ridge Elementary
Hillrise Elementary
Manchester Elementary
Sagewood Elementary
Skyline Elementary
Spring Ridge Elementary
West Bay Elementary and Early Education Center
West Dodge Station Elementary and Early Education Center
Westridge Elementary and Early Education Center



Considering an end of year gift? A tax-deductible donation to the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation will help further our mission in 2018 and beyond. Thank you for your continued support in enriching the education of our Elkhorn Public Schools students!

Mark your Calendar: Bids 4 Kids will be held on April 5, 2018. Join us for a fun evening of silent auction bidding! We are grateful for any and all donations! For donation information, please contact Stacey Selk at sselk1@epsne.org



Elkhorn Kids Campus is hiring! Are you bright, energetic and creative? Do you like working with children? Then EKC is for you! Stop in to the foundation office for an application, or download it online at <http://www.elkhornfoundation.org/ekc/ekc-application/>. Email your completed application to awhorlow@epsne.org