#### NEWSLETTER

February 2017 Volume 2, Issue 5

### **ELKHORN MIDDLE** SCHOOL

#### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

This semester, Elkhorn Middle School will hold student/parent/teacher conferences on February 15 and 16. We will again utilize the Student-Led Conference format. We are requesting last names beginning with A-L attend conferences on February 15 and last names beginning with M-Z attend on February 16. If you have a conflict with those dates, feel free to attend the opposite evening.

If you have any questions about conferences, please contact a team teacher. On the evening of conferences, please stop at the information table in the main hall to pick up your child's progress report before heading to your conference. Conference location will be in the Gym.

#### ELKHORN MIDDLE SCHOOL \*\* 50TH ANNIVERSARY\*\*

In 1967, our doors first opened under the name Elkhorn Jr.-Sr. High School. In 1980, the year that EHS opened, we were officially renamed Elkhorn Middle School. In recognition of our 50th anniversary, EMS is conducting a nonfundraiser donation campaign. All proceeds from the sale of "50 Years in the heart of Elkhorn" shirts will be donated to local charitable organizations chosen by EMS students — this is our way of giving back to the Elkhorn community!

#### FRONT PRINT #11 DARK HEATHER T'S



#### BACK PRINT DARK HEATHER T'S

Elkhorn Jr. - Sr. High School 1967-1980 Elkhorn Middle School 1980-2017



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### HOLIDAY HURRAH THANK YOU FROM EMS

The entire EMS Faculty & Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all the EMS families that donated to the Holiday Hurrah project. We appreciate your Hurrah gifts, the delicious dessert bar, and all your warm holiday wishes. We especially want to thank you for all the support given throughout the year. THANK YOU!!!

#### EMS BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 2nd at 3:45pm in the Media Center/Library.

#### WASHINGTON DC TRIP



The 2017 Washington DC trip is scheduled for October 11-14, 2017. It's not too late to sign up but spots are filling up fast!! Contact Mr. Glover at <a href="mailto:dglover@epsne.org">dglover@epsne.org</a> for more information.

#### EARLY DISMISSALS

There will be a one hour early dismissal (2:20 pm) on February 15 and 16 due to Parent/Teacher Conferences.

#### NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on Friday, February 17.

#### SPRING PICTURES

Spring pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, February 22ndat 8:20 a.m. Please complete the picture form and send payment with your child on picture day, or go online to place your child's picture order prior to picture day.



#### APPROPRIATE COLD WEATHER DRESS

Please remind your child to make sure they have appropriate clothing on when going to or from the school building. This includes, coats, gloves, hats, long pants and appropriate footwear. *PLEASE DRESS WARM!* 

#### WEB LINK FOR ACTIVITIES

\*\*\*Parents – When you are looking for information regarding sports activities please check the following website: <a href="http://www.easternmidconference.org">http://www.easternmidconference.org</a>. You can click on any of the district schools for the up to date information.

#### LUNCH REMINDER

Please remind your students to drop off lunch money <u>before</u> school to the Sodexo staff in the lunchroom. It creates a slow down in the lunch line when it is turned in during lunch time. Thanks for your help!



#### MESSAGE TO PARENTS:

Google has made a recent change to Google Drive. In the past the district did not allow the option for students to create websites via Google due to privacy concerns and the fact that these websites could have been accessed by anyone on the Internet. With the recent change, we now have the ability to allow students to create websites as a part of class projects, with the assurance that these sites will only be shared within the district. Students will now be able to create websites just like any other Google Drive resource (Docs, Sheets, Slides). We see this change to Google Sites as a great, new educational resource for EPS students and staff. Google Sites will be available to students after 2/1/2017.

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#### 6TH GRADE NEWS

MRS. CRAWFORD, MRS. CHANDLER, MRS. GRAGERT, MR. PREISSLER, MRS. YOUNG, MRS. GOEHRING, MS. MEIER, MRS. MEYSENBURG



Math students will be finishing up their multiplying and dividing fractions unit. Next we start Equations and Expressions as we get into Algebra.

Pre Con Students continue to work with solving multiple step equations. Then, they will be solving inequalities.

6th grade reading students are continuing to accumulate AR points by quizzing online over books they've read. Third quarter will focus on finding the main idea and supporting details in sample texts. A District Common Assessment will be given on this in February.

Social studies will be wrapping up a unit over Economics by studying International Trade. We will then move on to our Geography Unit and study the Five Themes of Geography.

In Science students will explore how humans impact ecosystems.

In Language Arts, we have just finished our descriptive writing unit. Now, we will be switching our focus to writing text dependent analysis. Students will work on evaluating a variety of texts (articles, descriptions, stories, and non-fiction books), taking notes, citing references, and using reasoning to support their ideas.

#### 7TH GRADE NEWS

MR. BEARD, MRS. HINGORANI, MS. LUTES, MRS. PIKE, MRS. WELLS, MRS. MATUELLA

In Science, 7th grade students will continue learning about the human body. In this unit we study body systems, organs, and their major function and interactions in the body. Students will be having weekly Friday quizzes covering the weeks' topics, as well as science vocabulary review from 6th and 7th grade. When finished with the human body, we will move onto Motion and Forces.

In Language Arts we will spend the beginning of February continuing work on grammar and the eight parts of speech. Our district common assessment will be the week of February 13th. After conferences we will continue practicing text dependent analysis and writing expository responses to what we read.

In World History we are working on world religions in the context of history and current events. We will study Ancient India, China and Rome, then head into the Middle Ages.

In reading, students are finishing up a unit on nonfiction organizational patterns and will then move into our figurative language unit until spring break. AR goals for third quarter are due on March 10th.

Math 7 will be solving equations and inequalities throughout the month, and the Pre-Algebra classes will be finishing geometry and starting a data analysis unit.

#### 7TH GRADE HEALTH/HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

The following information pertains to 7th grade Health. All 7th graders will be taking Health class during the 5th rotation of this year.

The 7th grade Health class focuses on aspects of human growth and development and family life education. Topics of study include: making healthy choices, self-respect, respect for others, puberty and adolescence, body image, responsible relationships, relationship skills, marriage and parenthood, human reproduction, pregnancy, prenatal development and child birth, dating, abstinence, teen pregnancy, sexual harassment, sexual abuse, and sexually transmitted diseases.

Parents (or guardians) are asked to be involved in this class by discussing four different take-home assignments with their child. These assignments are: 1) Adolescence, 2) Dating, 3) Your Child's Arrival, 4) Your Family Beliefs & Values

Parents are welcome to ask questions and discuss any part of the curriculum with the teacher. Parents are also invited to check out a copy of the textbook and to preview any worksheets, videos, or other materials that are used during class.

If parents have any questions or concerns about 7th grade Health class, please feel free to contact our Health Teacher, Ms. Feller, at EMS, phone #402-289-2428 or by email, Ifeller@epsne.org

Thank you for your involvement!

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#### 8TH GRADE NEWS

MRS. BAUMERT, MS. GUTSCHOW, MRS. GRISHAM, MR. HULTMAN, MRS. COLLINGSWORTH, MRS. HOLLMAN, MRS. VALASEK

February is a busy month for us. Students Led Conferences will be held February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. We hope you all attend and see what your students have been doing. Mid-term reports will be given at that time. The current exploratory rotation, Computers, will end February 16<sup>th</sup>. Students will then have Industrial Tech followed by Health for their last two rotations.

In Language Arts we will be focusing on research.

In Science we will be studying heredity and genetics.

In History, we will be studying the Civil War.

In Algebra we will be studying binomials, polynomials, factoring trinomials, and using quadratic formula.

In Pre-Algebra we will be studying line/angle relationships, angels of triangles, and the Pythagorean Theorem.

In Reading, we will be covering units 5 & 6 of our literature books with an emphasis on figurative language and poetry. Vocabulary units and due dates have been shared with the students. Please check agendas for those dates. Also, students are in the middle of a genre study, reading two books in small groups in order to facilitate discussion. We are exploring the power of words and issues of power and control in literature simultaneously with our figurative language unit.



#### 8TH GRADE CAREER DAY AT EMS

EMS hosted another successful career Day for all 8th grade students on January 27th. We kicked off the day with a presentation by Education Quest to get students thinking about not only where they want to attend college, but also the factors that contribute to making that decision, including financial and academic considerations. In the afternoon, students attended three thirty minute sessions based on an interest survey completed prior to the event. A big thank you to all of our speakers! They generously donated their time and shared talent to allow students to get some insight into a wide variety of careers.

Our presenters included the following community members and greater Omaha area businesses:

Alison Rasmussen, Research Quality Innovation Erin Grace, Omaha World Herald Kent Grisham, Law Enforcement & Public Relations Jeff Strickler, Computer Technology, EPS Nancy Nielson, Speech Pathologist, EPS Dan Radicia, Principal, EPS Joe LaPuzza, Fire fighter Kayleigh Vrba, Reichmuth Funeral Home

David Pearson, National Weather Service
Verrelle Gordon, Fire fighter, City of Omaha
SuZanne Rogers, Gigi's Cupcakes
Meilssa Hottovy, ATI Physical Therapy
Michele Stevenson, FBI
Pete Bashara, Gentle Doctor Veterinarian Clinic
Adam Hollman, Engineer, Cargill
Amanda Jochum, RD, LMNT, Hy-Vee Dietician
& Trained wellness Coach

Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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#### BAND NEWS

MR. EDWARDS

The Nebraska Wind Symphony, Omaha's community concert band, has a concert on February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 PM in the Omaha Conservatory of Music (70th and Cass) performance hall that will include middle school All-Star students on tuba, including **Ryan Akey and Preston Smith** from EMS. The concert will feature 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade tubists on "Tubas With Attitude" and "Baby Elephant Walk" with the band. They will have the opportunity to work with Larry Mac-Taggart, Music Director for the Nebraska Wind Symphony.



**Blair Middle School Honor Band** – The Blair Honor Band is one of the premier honor bands for middle school students in this state. This year's event will take place on Saturday, April 1st at Otte-Blair Middle School in Blair, Nebraska. The event consists of over 200 band students from over 40 schools divided into two concert bands. Students rehearse all day and then give a performance at 4:00 PM. Students are selected through nominations from their directors and selection is based on instrumentation needs. We have nominated a long list of students for this event and look forward to seeing who is accepted. In the past, we have usually had 4-5 students participate in this event.

Private Lessons – At Elkhorn Middle School, we try to provide every student with as much time and individual attention as possible to make them the best musicians we can. 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. Edwards at any time.

Concert Attire- Please note that for the following events students are to be in "concert attire." This includes red EMS Music polo shirt (tucked in), black pants (no leggings, sweat pants, or yoga pants), black socks, and all black shoes that have non-white soles and black laces. We are asking any girls who wear black "flats" to be sure to wear black socks. Simply stated we are asking for "black from the waist down." We hope this more detailed information will be helpful to parents and guardians as you plan for our 2017 performances. Please contact Mr. Edwards if you have questions and thank you for helping our band look as uniform as possible.

**February 20th Concert**— On Monday, February 20th, the 8th grade band (with Sara Espinoza, Julia Compton, Molly Petersen, and Kendall Backora will be performing in concert at EHS. In addition to performing two selections, the EMS/Grandview 8-grade band will combine with the high school 9th grade band on one selection. The concert will take place in the EHS auditorium and will start at 7:00 PM. Band students will need to report to the EHS music area at 6:15 PM for warm-ups. Dress is concert attire.

March 7<sup>th</sup> Concert – On Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, the EMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band (with Logan Schultz, Hannah Nyhoff, Emily Jaques, and Carter Voorhees), 7<sup>th</sup> grade choir, as well as the Jazz Band and Show Choir will be performing. The concert will take place in the EMS gym starting at 6:30 PM. Students will need to report to the music rooms at 6:00 PM for warm-ups. Dress is concert attire.

March 14th Concert – On Tuesday, March 14th, the EMS 6th grade band and chorus students, as well as the Show Choir and Jazz Band, will be performing. Joining us at the 6:30 PM concert will be the 5th, grade students from Arbor View, Hillrise, and Westridge elementary schools playing their recorders. The concert will take place in the EMS gym. Students will need to report by 6:00 PM. Dress is concert attire.

**EMC Middle School Band Festival** – On Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands and Jazz Band will be traveling to Waverly for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Eastern Midlands Conference Band Festival. Our bands will be performing for, and rated by, a set of three judges. All bands will receive ratings, comments, plaques, and a follow up clinic with one of the judges. Performance times are not currently known, but students should plan to be there the entire school day. Students will be transported by school transportation. Dress is concert attire.

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#### CHORUS NEWS

MRS. WORTMAN

February and March are always busy times for vocal music. We are preparing for the following upcoming concerts and contests.

\*\*Saturday, Feb. 4, Elkhorn High School Red Carpet Classic Competition

"Classics" Show Choir (Information was sent home)

\*\*Saturday, Feb. 25, Westside Middle School "Battle of the Show Choirs"

"Classics" Show Choir (Information was sent home)

\*\*Monday, Feb. 27, 7:00 p.m. at EHS Auditorium

8th Grade Chorus & High School combined concert

\*\*Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 p.m. in EMS Gym

7th Grade Chorus, "Classics" Show Choir

\*\*Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m. in EMS Gym

The 6th Grade chorus and band, Jazz Band and "Classics" show choir will perform.

Arbor View, Hillrise and Westridge 5th Grade students will join us for this concert.



#### DISCOVERY CENTER NEWS

MS. HARTMAN

During the month of December approximately 90 EMS students tried their hand at coding with our Sphero robot challenge. Look for another after school teen tech week in March.

### Come to the Book Fair!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held February 7-10 and 13-16. The book fair will be open during the school day and during the evenings of Parent-Teacher Conferences. The online fair will run from February 3-23 and can be accessed under EMS Links on the Library Web Page. We invite you to join us in this celebration of books and reading.

#### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thanks to all who have sent in Box Tops for Education. Congratulations to Mrs. Stenglein's High Five who won the 2nd Quarter competition and received a breakfast. Congratulations to everyone who participated! Way to go EMS! Keep collecting and sending in your Box Tops and stay tuned for more news.



#### EMS SCHOOL STORE OPEN

Our School Store is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during High 5. School supplies are available to purchase with cash or with "Antler Bucks or Doe" which can be earned through Hi5's. Students who are running short on school supplies are encouraged to replenish them via the school store.

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#### EMS BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 2nd at 3:45pm in the Media Center/Library.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are February 15th and 16th. EMS Booster Club provides dinners for the teachers each day. Please look for a SIGN UP GENIUS soon by email or click on the link below. Convenient options to bring food items or to send a check will be listed on the sign up below.

\*\*February Teacher Conference Meals sign-up: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F4EABA722AAFD0-teacher

**BOX TOPS** Sending in BOX TOPS is easy money for our school. Plus, each child who brings in 10 BOX TOPS in FEBRUARY has a chance in a drawing to win \$10 cash! Please put 10 BOX TOPS in a baggy or envelope with student's name and Hi-5 teacher. Look online at <a href="mailto:boxtops4education.com">boxtops4education.com</a> for amazing coupons!

**HOLIDAY HURRAH** Our Holiday Hurrah was a fantastic success again this year! Thank you to Robin Nelson for organizing and leading the effort, and thanks to each EMS family, student and parent volunteer who came together for the EMS staff. In December, EMS students signed holiday cards, and parent volunteers then placed a gift inside. The cards were delivered to teachers and staff during the Holiday Hurrah event sponsored by the Booster Club.



#### **CONCESSION STAND HELP NEEDED**

The EMS concession stand provides a service to our families, guests and opposing teams who attend the games, but all funds raised benefit **the entire school**. Whether you have a child in a sport or not, working at the concession stand is a great way to support your child's school and a great way to get to know other EMS parents. Please check out the Sign Up Genius link and sign up for a time to help out.

**\*\*Concessions shifts sign up:** <a href="https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090f4eaba722aafd0-emswinter/4172255">https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090f4eaba722aafd0-emswinter/4172255</a>

### WHEN IS MY CHILD TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Proper care in the early stages of an illness can reduce recovery time for the ill child and reduce the possibility of spreading the illness to others. Proper diet, adequate rest, and good personal hygiene (especially frequent hand washing) can assist the body's ability to fight infection.



The following are guidelines to assist you in deciding when your child should stay home from school: **Irritability, poor appetite, tiredness, achiness** are vague symptoms. Changes in a child's normal behavior can often signal the beginning of an illness.

Fever of 100 degrees or higher. Take your child's temperature if he is complaining of feeling tired, headache, sore throat or stomach ache. A child should be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school.

**Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea**. Keep your child at home for the duration of these symptoms. No vomiting or diarrhea for the past 24 hours is recommended. Be sure your child is able to tolerate food without difficulty before returning.

Nasal secretions and coughing/sneezing spread respiratory infections easily when these symptoms can't be controlled. Suspected communicable conditions such as undiagnosed rashes, pink eye, ringworm, or chickenpox. A child must be sent home until identified symptoms are evaluated and conditions for return to school are provided by a health care provider.

**VNA School Nurse** 



Interested in the EHS Music offerings? Please join us for a "Taste of Music" ~EHS style~

(prior to the orientation for 9<sup>th</sup> grade)

JV Show Choir "Exclamation" 5:25-5:40

Jazz Band 2

5:45-6:00

20650 Glenn Street - Elkhorn, NE 68022 - 402-289-2579 - Fax 402-289-2585 - www.elkhornweb.org

February, 2017

Dear Eighth Grade Parent,

This time of year brings anticipation and excitement about the transition from eighth grade to ninth grade. To aid in the process, please join us in **Ninth Grade Parent Curriculum/Registration Night, Monday, March 6, 2017**.

On March 1, the counselors visited the middle schools and talked with eighth graders about high school-academics, activities, credits, and policies. At that time, each student received a course curriculum guide, a registration sheet outlining courses offered to prospective ninth graders, and specific course recommendations. Recommendations are based upon input from middle school teachers, high school teachers, counselors and test scores.

On Monday, March 6, parents and their students are invited to Elkhorn High School for a brief program that will include information on high school curriculum and registration for the freshman year. Parents are asked to bring the recommendation sheet given to their student during the counselor visit to the middle school. Families of eighth graders will meet in the **auditorium at 6:00 p.m**. This informational night is designed to answer common questions 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents have about curriculum offerings and sequencing. Topics covered include graduation requirements, course offerings for freshmen, four-year curriculum planning, how to choose appropriate electives, and FAQs from 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents.

We look forward to meeting you Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for Ninth Grade Parent Night (music starts at 5:25). Attendance is critical for getting your student registered for high school. Please make every effort to attend. Please call the Counseling Center at Elkhorn High School if you have any questions (402-289-4239 ext 2).

Respectfully,

Elkhorn High School Administrators and Counselors

**NOTE**: March 6<sup>th</sup> is the only scheduled registration night.

- If a parent cannot attend with a student, the student is welcome to come with a sibling or another family member. Just have the registration sheet completed for the student to turn in.
- If a parent or student cannot attend, return a completed registration sheet to <u>Elkhorn Middle School's or Elkhorn Grandview Middle</u> <u>School's</u> counseling office. There will be an open house on August 4, 2017 for all students.



## The Fun has just Begun Starring the Class of 2021



### We're rolling out the red carpet for the Elkhorn Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Please join us as we usher you onto high school and celebrate all your middle school accomplishments

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SATURDAY EVENING						
Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm						
eserve your ticket by Friday, March 24, 2017. Admission ticket: \$25.00 (make checks payable to Class of 21).						
This is a parent sponsored & funded event. Advance reservations are required for planning purposes.						
As part of the celebration you will view a video slide show of 8th grader's "then & now" pictures. Please submit a baby photo and a current photo to <a href="mailto:ems8babypix@gmail.com">ems8babypix@gmail.com</a> by March 17, 2017.						
Students must adhere to the dress code stated in the EMS student handbook Students will not be allowed to leave before 8:00 pm without a parent escort.  We'd love for every 8th grader to attend, but if for some reason you are unable to pay the ticket price, please circle complimentary. (this information will be kept confidential)						
ENTERTAINMENT						
Special Guest Star: Mr. Ryan Chandler as "The DJ" and "The Old Market Magician" Pizza, Drinks, Snacks, Party Treats Mementos: Commemorative T-shirt, Video Slide Show DVD						
S! My child will attend the 8th Grade Celebration (please print student name).  T-shirt size: (adult sizes) S M L XXL XXL						
RRY! My child will not be able to attend the 8th Grade Celebration.						
Il make an extra donation of \$ toward this star studded event or as a student scholarship above the \$25.00 hission price.						



# Th annual ""Bids 4 "Kids" Ladies "Might Eut

FUNDRAISER FEATURING A SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLES, COMPLIMENTARY APPETIZERS AND DESSERTS

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR OUR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL MATH & READING TNTFRVENTTON PROGRAMS

April 6th, 2017 6-9PM Noah's Event Venue

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ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION TIME TO
INCREASE STUDENT'S TEST SCORES, BOOST
STUDENT'S CONFIDENCE AND IMPROVE
OVERALL READING AND
MATH COMPREHENSION

We would be delighted if you would consider a tax-deductible donation of goods or services that could be used towards our silent auction! With our mobile bidding platform, you have the added benefit of company exposure through supporters not able to attend our event. Last year we had over 350 participants viewing our auction packages, bidding and winning!

Please contact Stacey at 402-289-1727 or sselk1@epsne.org for more information.



#### Jan./Feb. 2017 Newsletter Technology Write-ups

#### ClassLink - All schools will send this communication



Elkhorn Public Schools is partnering with ClassLink for the remainder of the 16-17 school year. ClassLink is a single sign-on platform that will allow students to use one username and password to access online resources already being used in the classroom. ClassLink is a safe, secure way for students to connect with applications and resources. The website does not collect or share any personal student information, which is important to us. Best of all, it is very easy to use and will be a great resource for students and families. To get started, select ClassLink from the Login Links menu on the District webpage, or click <a href="here">here</a>.

#### Google Sites - All schools will send this communication

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### Parents of Current 7th Grade Students - Only middle schools will send this communication

In recent years we have heard from parents that students are spending more and more time at home doing school work with their family computers. As part of the EPS 5-Year Instructional Technology Plan approved by the school board this past October, next year's 8th grade students (current 7th grade students) will receive an individual Chromebook for educational use next fall. The district is finding that much of our educational content requires access to technology, and Chromebooks allow us a cost-effective way to assure that students have this access when it is needed. Next steps of this plan will include Chromebooks for high school students beginning in the fall of 2018. Much work is being done for this initiative and more information will be sent as we get closer to next fall.

As part of this initiative, Parents of 2017-18 eighth grade students will need to attend an orientation either during Back to School 101 or Open House in August. The exact dates for these orientations are not yet set, but the district wanted to begin communication with 7th grade parents. We are very excited about providing every 8th grade student with a computing device next school year.

# February 2017



#### **Elkhorn Middle School**

The "Classic" One Home of the Antlers

3200 North 207th Plaza Elkhorn, NE 68022

Phone: 402-289-2428 Fax: 402-289-1639

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