# **Elkhorn South High School**

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Parents and Guardians of Elkhorn South Students:

I hope that the Summer of 2017 has treated all of you well and your students are excited to get back to work at ESHS. I sincerely hope that your family has found relaxation and valuable family time this summer and are prepared for the journey of the new school year.

The staff at Elkhorn South anticipates another outstanding year filled with challenges and triumphs. We look forward to welcoming back you and your students for the 2017-18 school year. Our student enrollment will near the 1300-student mark, which includes an incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade class of approximately 330. In order to accommodate for the growth to ESHS, we hired several new teachers for the 2017-18 school year. ESHS also hired several new staff members to replace staff who moved on for professional growth and the like. Due to the positive reputation of Elkhorn Public Schools and Elkhorn South High School, we are able to recruit the best and brightest teachers in the state, thus we are confident in the new members of our team and believe that we will continue to offer a world-class education to our students during the upcoming school year. We appreciate the many years of service given to our students from the departing staff members and we wish them the best in their new endeavors. Below is the list of new staff members and their assignments for the upcoming school year:

9th—12th grade OPEN HOUSE Monday, August 7th

12:00 —6:00 pm

Please return all of the required forms, received on the website.

<u>Assistant Principal-</u> Mrs. Kristi Gross will be the new Assistant Principal this fall at ESHS.

English- Mr. Jed Givens, Mrs. Jean McBride and Ms. Jaclyn Norum will join the ESHS English Department this fall.

<u>Math</u>- Mr. Shaun McMahon and Ms. Sarah Houston will join the ESHS Math Department this year with Ms. Houston teaching half of the day at EHS.

<u>Science-</u> Mr. Spencer Stednitz and Mrs. Olivia Myers will join the ESHS Science Department this fall with Mrs. Myers teaching the majority of the day at EHS.

<u>Social Science</u>- Mr. Theo Murray, Mr. Scott Wike, Mr. Caleb Kluender and Mr. Mike Bressler join the Social Science Department this fall.

<u>French-</u> Mr. Chris West will be the new French Teacher at Elkhorn South.

Special Education - Mr. Cory Miles and Ms. Megan Rash will join in the ESHS Special Education department this fall.

<u>School Resource Officer</u> – Douglas County Deputy Tony Raemakers will serve as the school resource officer.

This year, many new challenges lie ahead of us. Rest assured, in light of the changes, additions and challenges, our focus to continue the tradition of academic excellence seen throughout Elkhorn and to become a premier high school in the state of Nebraska remains unwavering. I look forward to serving you and your students this year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mark Kalvoda

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# 9th—12th Grade Open House Monday, August 7th— 12:00-6:00pm

Open house format where students can do the following:

- Turn in enrollment forms
- Get your 2017 18 class schedule
- Visit lockers, practice combinations, deliver school supplies
- Deposit money into lunch accounts
- Turn in athletic forms to AD office and purchase activity passes
- Tour ESHS find classrooms, guidance department, computer labs, library, locker rooms, etc...

A great day to familiarize your students to ESHS prior to the first day of school.

# School Forms needed for REGISTRATION

There are several important school forms that need to be completed for Open House. Please visit the website at <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/elkhornsouthhighschool/home">https://sites.google.com/site/elkhornsouthhighschool/home</a>



for your access to these forms.

The website contains all of the necessary forms for your student's return to school, with the exception of the student enrollment form, purple page which is included in the mailing sent home and needs to be returned as well. <u>Please download and complete each required document. Then print and sign the document and have students bring forms back at the Open House on August 7<sup>th</sup> <u>from 12:00pm to 6:00pm</u>. Additional copies and computers will be available during the Open House to assist parents and students in this process.</u>

# **ECLIPSE** Day is August 21st

With parent permission, your child will have the opportunity to go outside to view the eclipse using eclipse glasses meeting NASA safety standards. Please complete the permission form along with all other back to school forms.

# **FIRST DAY: August 17th**

# Bell Schedule.

# 9th Grade

8:10-8:35	Teacher Advisor in Classroom
8:39-8:59	1st Period
9:03-9:23	2nd Period
9:27 -9:47	3rd Period
9:51-10:11	4th Period
10:15-10:34	5th Period
10:38-10:57	6th Period
11:01-11:20	7th Period
11:25-11:45	Presentation (in Auditorium)

#### 10th-12th Grades

12:30-12:46	Teacher Advisor
12:50-1:08	1st Period
1:12-1:30	2nd Period
1:34-1:52	3rd Period
1:56-2:14	4th Period
2:18-2:36	5th Period
2:40-2:58	6th Period
3:02-3:20	7th Period

### **WELCOME BACK!**

A special welcome for all ninth graders is planned on the first day of school—Thursday. August 17th. Ninth graders need to report to school at 8:10 a.m.. The ninth grade students will end their day with a program in the auditorium and be dismissed at 11:45am. The program is presented by the student council members and other student leaders. The purpose of the program is to familiarize the students with the opportunities and traditions that exist at the high school. Staff will be available to answer questions regarding lunch accounts and depositing money into their accounts before and after school.

The schedule for the students in grades 10th-12th requires them to report to their teacher advisor's room at 12:30 p.m.. The 10 th-12th graders will be dismissed at 3:20 p.m.

In order to avoid major traffic delays, we ask that 9th grade students be picked-up no later than 12pm and 10th-12th graders arrive no earlier than 12:15pm.

If your student rides the bus, please refer to the letter sent by the Central Office regarding bus routes and times. The Elkhorn South High School staff eagerly awaits serving the educational needs of all of our students.

# **ESHS Building Hours**

7:00 a.m. - Building is open to students.

8:10 a.m. - Start of 1st Period 3:20 p.m. - Student dismissal 4:00 p.m. - Front offices closed

#### Is Your Address Up-to-Date?

Did your address or phone number change over the summer? If so, please call Mrs. Krusemark in the counseling center at the High School, (402) 289-0616, ext. 2.

### 2017-2018 School Lunch Prices

School lunch prices for the 2017-2018 school year will be as follows:

\$3.80—Adult lunch \$3.50—Student lunch \$1.90—Breakfast .45—Milk



#### DAILY BULLETIN ON THE WEB

This features items of importance happening on each respective school day.

www.elkhornweb.org

Updated daily by

8:30 a.m.

### From the Nurse...

Welcome back, I hope you had a great summer! We want to keep your student(s) happy, healthy, and safe while at school, so please read the following information carefully.

#### ~ Sick Child Policy ~

Please remember if your student is running a fever of >100.0 or has vomiting/diarrhea, please keep them home from school until fever or vomiting free for 24 hours, without the aid of medication (Motrin, Tylenol, Advil, acetaminophen, ibuprofen).

#### ~ Physical and Immunization Requirements ~

Nebraska law requires that all school children have a **physical examination** upon entry into school, at seventh grade, and when transferring from an out-of-state school. Students must provide proof of a **visual evaluation** to include testing for amblyopia, strabismus, internal and external eye health and visual acuity upon entry into school and when transferring from an out-of-state school. The law also requires your child be immunized and provide **proof of immunization** before attending classes. Please visit the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (link below) which outlines specific vaccine requirements.

#### Link to DHHS vaccine summary for 2017-2018:

http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Immunization/Documents/2017-2018%20School%20RR%20English.pdf

#### ~ Medication for the 2017-2018 School Year ~

If your student requires any medication (over-the-counter and/or prescription) while at school, <u>each</u> medication must have a Medication Authorization form (link below) signed by the parent and a physician, before we can administer. All medications must be unexpired and provided in the original packaging and/or pharmacy container. For prescription medication, please only provide a **maximum of 30 day supply** at a time.

All medication must be dropped off in the office by a parent or guardian.

Please do not send any medications with your student.

Link to print blank medication authorization form: http://www.elkhornweb.org/parents/student-medication-form/

#### ~ Students with Asthma, Severe Allergies, Diabetes, and/or Seizures ~

If your child has asthma, severe allergies, diabetes, and/or seizures, please submit an emergency action plan signed by your physician. *Plans must be updated annually*. Blank forms can be obtained at the school office, or your physician's office can use whichever form they prefer.

# ATTENDANCE AND TARDY POLICY REMINDERS

We understand that sometimes situations arise that cause students to be tardy to school, thus there are no consequences for the first two times students are late. Therefore there is *no such thing as an excused tardy* without documentation from a professional appointment.

- Students are considered tardy when they arrive to school after the 8:10am bell.
- Students are considered absent, if they arrive after 8:25am.
- Please call ahead to the attendance secretary for your student's scheduled appointments. If ample time is given, we can have the student awaiting you in the main office.
- ESHS is a closed campus and students are not permitted to leave for lunch. The practice of excusing students to go out for lunch creates disruption to the school day and is unnecessary.

# ESHS Activities and Athletics - August 2017

# Important Dates and Information...

# August 7th - Open House 12pm-6pm

# ALL CONSENT FORMS and PHYSICAL FORMS can now be completed, updated and submitted online through PRIVIT.

https://elkhornsouthstorm-ne.e-ppe.com

# Aug. 1st - Tuesday Night - Fall Sports Parent Meeting @ESHS Auditorium

\*Please have at least one parent in attendance\*

6:30 p.m. Concussion Awareness with Trainer Kyle Ndrchal (Return to Play Info/General Info)

7:00 p.m. Parent Meeting/Coaches Breakout Meetings

Information will be provided for the sport your son/daughter is interested in – Also a great night to meet the coaches.

Season passes will be sold and available to purchase - Students - \$35.00 - Parents - \$55.00.

PASSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ONLINE THROUGH YOUR STUDENT'S LUNCHTIME ACCOUNT WITH PICK UP AT THE SCHOOL

**Aug. 7**<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> day of practices for girl's golf, softball, football, boy's tennis, cross country and volleyball. **Aug. 24**<sup>th</sup> – Start of Fall Activities/Contests for the NSAA (Nebraska School Activities Association)

## Elkhorn South is now in the METRO Conference: www.mhsaaconference.org

#### **IMPORTANT WEBSITES:**

Elkhorn South High School Activity/Athletic Web Page <a href="www.elkhornweb.org/storm">www.elkhornweb.org/storm</a>

**ESHS Activity Schedules and Conference Scheduling Information** - For the most current and up-to-date schedules, please check our information at:

<u>www.mhsaaconference.org</u>. You can then navigate your way to whichever sport and level of play you are interested in! Click on Subscribe in the upper right hand corner to download schedules to your smart phone. **Go Storm!** 

\*\*\*\*All athletes must have a physical form (DATED AFTER MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017), activity contract uploaded on PRIVIT and \$35.00 fee paid before they can practice in any sport! No exceptions! \*\*Instructions, forms and fees are now available online at:

https://elkhornsouthstorm-ne.e-ppe.com

#### Sports Locker Check-Outs at the Start of School Year

Students are reminded that in order to receive an athletic locker that a \$5 deposit is required. Mr. Ortmeier will check the locker out from the AD office. Check out for lockers for **this fall** will be assigned by each sport's head coach, and available through the A.D. office. Students MUST have all forms completed and submitted either online in order to check out a locker for Fall Sports.

Please help us promote a positive atmosphere by showing GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP while you are in attendance. ROLL STORM!

# **Student Handbook Highlights**

The student handbooks are a part of the student planner. Parents and students are reminded to carefully read these and acknowledge that you have done so by signing off on the release form. Some of the most pertinent points of the handbook are delineated here for further attention.

- Attendance Policy—Please note the attendance policy (page 1) explaining a student receiving half credit when he/she exceeds eight excused or two unexcused absences per semester.
- Reporting Absences—Only phone calls will be accepted. Parent or guardian may call during school hours, 7:30 a.m to 4:00 p.m. to report student absences by speaking to the attendance secretary. Please call by 9:00 a.m. on the date of absence.
- Excessive tardy to 1st Period A student will be considered absent whenever he/she has missed the first fifteen minutes or more of first period class. A student arriving after 8:25 a.m. is considered absent, not tardy.
- Dress Code —Appropriate clothing shall be worn by the students at Elkhorn South High School. Clothing is not to be too tight, too short, too ragged, too bare, or so extreme as to be immodest. Students whose wardrobe is in question will be asked to and expected to change.
- Nuisance Items —Students are encouraged to bring only the necessary materials to school in order to maintain a productive school environment. Unnecessary items can create a distraction to the learning environment and create opportunities for theft in which the school can not be held responsible. When items such as headphones, i-pods, laser pointers, and the like become a distraction

- they may be confiscated by district staff and students violating this policy may be subject to district's disciplinary rules.
- Cell phones— Cell phones should not be seen, heard, or used during the seven periods throughout the day. This applies to anywhere on campus including classrooms, hallways, restrooms, main office, media center, etc. during any scheduled instructional period (including T.A.). Students are permitted to use phones before and after school, during their scheduled lunch, and during passing periods. The following consequences may be used to address violation of the cell phone policy: parent contact, confiscation, checking in phone at start of day, detention and After Hours.
- Homework—Students are expected to complete homework in order to reinforce, practice, and enrich class content. As an ongoing effort to improve student achieve ment teachers and administration may use intervention strategies such as After School Academy, Guided Study Hall, Academic After Hours as necessary for homework and class work completion.
- Harassment/Bullying —Please note the policy regarding harassment, bullying, and threats.
   All reports of harassment will be taken seriously, investigated by the administration, and are subject to disciplinary action.

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS ABOUT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

## Make Every Day Count!

As the new school year draws near, the Elkhorn South High School administration would like to reiterate the Elkhorn Public Schools policy on student attendance and also provide clarity regarding statutory law and Douglas County enforcement of student attendance.

Nebraska state statute requires all school districts to adopt and administer a school attendance policy, furthermore Nebraska School Law 79-209 requires schools to report when a student exceeds 20 days per year or the hourly equivalent. Let us first address Elkhorn Public School Board Policy regarding school attendance at the secondary level.

#### Attendance and the Issuance of Credit

School policy states that when a student exceeds eight total absences in any period during a semester, the student will forfeit half credit for that class. Please note that eight absences includes those that have been excused. If a student is unexcused or truant more than twice for any period, the student will also forfeit half credit for that class. The policy includes an appeals process for students who exceed eight absences in a given semester. It is recommended that parents collect and provide documentation of medical illness should it be necessary for an attendance appeal. The attendance appeal process includes but is not limited to a review of absence documentation and/or a meeting with school or district administration.

The school will send monthly letters to parents of students who are at pace to exceed eight absences for a given semester. These letters are intended to help parents be mindful of absences and to promote discussion with the school administration about the nature of a student's absences. The Elkhorn South administration will work diligently with families to ensure that students are attending regularly. This may include family meetings or school/community resource referrals to resolve school issues, transportation issues, or other circumstances that negatively impact student attendance.

Ultimately, the highest levels of achievement and learning are the shared goals of parents, students, and the Elkhorn Public Schools. Research clearly demonstrates the correlation between attendance and achievement, thus we

want to encourage outstanding attendance for all of our students. The high school attendance policy is not designed to punish students, but rather to emphasize the importance of regular attendance as it applies to their learning and preparation for career skills. Parents are critical in modeling responsibility as it relates to school attendance. We ask that parents keep this in mind with regards to scheduling appointments and vacations.

### <u>Douglas County Referrals for Excessive</u> Absenteeism

Should a student exceed *86 total absences*, excused or unexcused, the school will compile and submit a referral to the Douglas County Attorney. This report will include student attendance records and documentation of school interventions, parent-school communication, and medical documentation if relevant. The Douglas County Attorney's office and its community intervention team will review the information to determine appropriate levels of intervention if deemed necessary.

It is our firm belief that parents and school and community members share in their commitment to providing enriching educational opportunities to ensure student success in school. We also know the critical importance of attendance to prepare students for success in high school, but in their post-secondary endeavors as well.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Kalvoda or Mrs. Gross if you have questions or concerns regarding the State of Nebraska attendance statute or the Elkhorn South attendance policy.

# Elkhorn South High School

20303 Blue Sage Parkway, Omaha, Nebraska 68130

Dear Elkhorn South Parents:

With opening day coming soon (Thursday, August 17th), I would like to take a few moments to address the traffic pattern at ESHS. The driveway to the student parking lot has tremendously eased our traffic concerns. However, with approximately 1300 students in the building, we will still need your cooperation to minimize traffic issues. The student parking lot driveway will be a two-way street at all times. This road should only be used by students parking and is not intended for drop-off. The main entrance is designed for student drop-off, but could also be used to access the parking lot. Please follow the information below to help traffic flow.

The heaviest traffic flow is from 7:50-8:05am. Please make every attempt to arrive on campus before this peak time. At dismissal, the peak times in which you want to avoid the parking lot are 3:15-3:30. Thank you for your cooperation.

During drop-off hours, the main drive to Elkhorn South will be two lanes entering and one lane exiting. This will be marked with traffic cones and signs. At dismissal time, this will switch to one lane entering and two lanes exiting.

We have three drop off loops on the property:

<u>Loop One-</u> This loop on the North side of the offices should <u>not</u> be used during peak drop-off and pick-up times. During peak drop-off and pick-up times, NO LEFT TURNS are permitted.

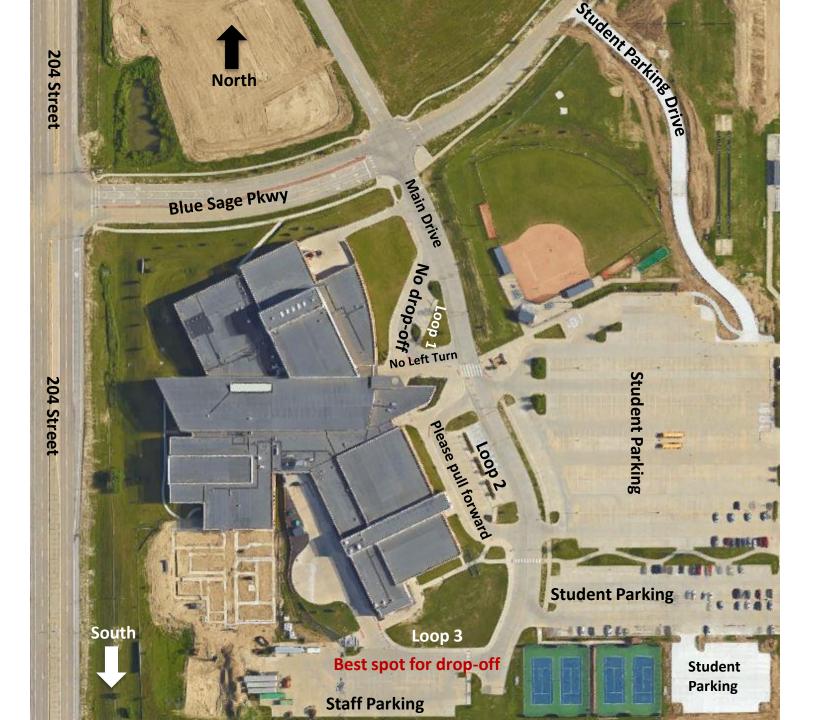
<u>Loop Two-</u> This preferred loop on the South side of the offices can be used at anytime, but please pull to the end of the loop to keep traffic flowing.

<u>Loop Three-</u> This loop wraps the teachers' parking lot on the south side of the high school. After six years of studying our traffic patterns, this has proven to be the easiest route in and out of ESHS for parents. With the new classroom addition, students are closer than ever to their classrooms.

In order to keep traffic flowing smoothly, we will need your cooperation. Please remember, the building is open before 7:00am and students are welcome to study in the commons or visit lockers, etc until 7:15am, when the media center opens. After school, the media center offers tutoring until 4:30pm. All students are welcome to study, complete homework, type papers, etc in the media center until 4:30pm. Please encourage your student to utilize the After School Academy in the media center daily.

Please feel free to contact me at 402-289-0616 or at <u>mkalvoda@epsne.org</u> if you have questions or concerns.

I look forward to a great year at Elkhorn South! Mr. Kalvoda



Elkhorn Public Schools

# Career Awareness Program



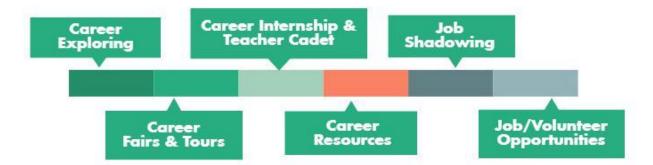
What Is It?

Through partnerships with area businesses, students can link their core curriculum with the world of work and develop skills, habits, and attitudes that will prepare them for future employment success.

Students engaging in Career Awareness Program activities with these business partners can enhance their personal growth and gain assistance with making wise career choices.

The Career Awareness Program is a natural partnership between the classroom and the workplace.

## What Does It Include



# For more information, contact: Dana Buurman



Phone EHS: 402.289.4239 ESHS: 402.289.0616



# Website

Go to elkhornweb.org Select your high school Select "Academics" Select "Career Awareness"



E-mail dbuurman@epsne.org

\*See next page for current 2017-2018 Career Awareness Opportunities

### Elkhorn Public Schools

# 2017-2018 Career Awareness Programs

Below you will see a list of some of our upcoming programs for this school year. The dates you see indicate the first meeting. Most programs will meet weekly, once a week for about 6-8 weeks in the evenings. For most programs, the fee to join is \$30, with a few programs that may have extra costs. Please see our website for all information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tara Lopez at 402-514-3066, Sarah Wisecup at 402-514-3022, or Dana Buurman at 402-289-0616/402-289-4239.

(Register at www.omahaexploring.org)

#### FALL 2017-Dates TBD

UNO Aviation Program—Fall 2017
Fremont Engineering Program—Fall 2017
Metro Community College Media Production Program—Fall 2017
Creighton Pharmacy Day Program—Fall 2017
Ralston Fire Dept. Program—Fall 2017

#### SEPTEMBER 2017

Culinary Arts Program—September 5, 2017
Creighton Exercise Science Program—September 5, 2017
Cass County Sheriff's Dept. Program—September 5, 2017
HDR Engineering Program—September 6, 2017
UNO Computer Science Program—September 2017
DLR Architecture & Engineering Program—September 7, 2017
Erickson-Sederstrom Law Program—September 7, 2017
Omaha Police Dept. Program—September 13 or 14, 2017
Douglas County Sheriff Dept. Program—September 14, 2017
Kaplan Dental Assisting Program—September 14, 2017
Kaplan Cyber Security Program—September 14, 2017
Creighton University Dental Program—September 18, 2017
Creative Communications & Art Program—September 19, 2017
Leo A. Daly Architecture & Engineering Program—September 21, 2017
Trauma Thursday & CHI Health Medical Program—September 21, 2017

#### OCTOBER 2017

NE Medical Center Program—October 3, 2017 Clarkson College Medical Program—October 5, 2017 Omaha Fire Dept. Program—October 10, 2017 Veterinary Science Program—October 19, 2017

#### SPRING 2018

UNL Durham Architecture & Engineering Program—January 10, 2018
Children's Hospital Medical Program—January 23, 2018
Omaha World Herald Journalism Program—February 20, 2018
Metro Community College Career Training Program—Spring 2018
UNO Event Planning Program—Spring 2018
Metro Community College Fire Science Program—Spring 2018
Easter Seals Camp Program—Summer 2018



Dear Elkhorn Student Families,

Hello and welcome to another exciting school year! We are delighted to begin another year with some new items in the cafeterias.



Regardless of grade level, your student(s) will have the opportunity for numerous meal choices daily for both breakfast and lunch. All meals meet the current USDA guidelines, and all grade levels have unlimited access to the fruit and vegetable bars with each purchased meal.

Some exciting changes for the school year include some of the following:

- Food Service will begin the process of recruiting Student Promotions Coordinators at the high school level. The ideal candidate will be a junior or senior at each high school. In their role the Student Promotions Coordinator will help design and execute marketing and promotional programs as well as assist in gaining feedback from their peers about school meals. This provides Food Service with direct student feedback and provides the student real world experience as they begin their career exploration.
- ➤ Introduce exhibition cooking in cafeterias at the secondary level to get students more involved and allow them to sample items and provide feedback.
- Further expansion and enhancement of options for deli bars to include Panini machines at the high school level
- ➤ Introduce more scratch cooking
- Carving Stations at the high school level
- ➤ C-Store will open during lunch and offer a variety of express lunch options for those students who prefer to by-pass the traditional serving line. Students will also have the opportunity to visit the C-Store after school, providing opportunity to grab a much needed snack, especially before after-school activities.
- Student Culinary Competitions will be introduced at the secondary level this year promoting student activity, creativity, and education on culinary processes.
- > Student focus groups will be held each semester to gather input from the students on the Food Service Program.

Your students will experience new and innovative ideas being introduced throughout the school year, continued into future school years as we continually seek new, trendy and nutritious options for the students.

As a reminder, the school payment portal for lunch accounts can be accessed through <a href="www.elkhornweb.org">www.elkhornweb.org</a>. Select "Parent/Student" under Login Links and then select "Lunch Account" or directly at <a href="www.schoolpaymentportal.com">www.schoolpaymentportal.com</a>. You have access to deposit money into your student's accounts via credit card or e-check.

Again, we look forward to a great school year and welcome your input and suggestions.

Sincerely,

The Sodexo Food Service Department Team







We hope you will join us for our 23rd Annual Hall of Fame Reception on Sunday, October 22nd at Elkhorn South High School. Hors d'oeuvres and assorted desserts will be served from 2:00-2:45pm with the awards ceremony from 2:45-4pm. The event is **free** to attend, but we request that you rsvp using the button below. Seating is limited. Please make your reservation by October 6th on our website at http://www.elkhornfoundation.org/2017halloffame/



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