

EVVMS Value:

**"Demonstrate a Thirst for Knowledge"**

Week #20  
Valley View Value Practice

**Scholarship**

## **Parent Booster News**

### **1.6.17 BOOSTER CLUB NEWS**

#### **EVV Staff Expresses Gracious Sentiments About Elf Program**

*"...Thank you so much for the generous money gift. It means a lot that you think of us during this busy time of the year! Happy Holidays!..."*

*..."I want to thank you so much for the gift from the EVVMS Parents. It really means a lot to know that we are appreciated! Thanks again!..."*

*..."Just wanted to drop a note to say thank you so much for the holiday gift! I can't tell you how much I appreciate the Parent Booster Club and everything that you guys do for us. Happy Holidays! :)..."*

*..."A BIG thank you for the generous gift to Valley View staff. It is greatly appreciated!..."*

*..."Thank you so much for all the amazing snacks in the lounge and the gift of \$50.00! Wow! You sure spoil us all! I have never taught in a district with this much support from boosters so thank you! This is a great place to teach and I love working with all your kiddos! Thank you for thinking of us during this busy holiday season! Much appreciated! Merry Christmas!..."*

*..."Thank you for the wonderful and generous gift for the staff this year. It is truly appreciated. Most importantly, thank you for your trust and support when working with our students; your children. They are the reason we are able to continue to find joy and passion in the work we do. We are so blessed to have the best students and families in the world..."*

*..."I want to take a moment to thank you for the generous Christmas gift. It will eventually go to good use. It is my pleasure everyday to work with the young students that walk through the doors of EVV. I appreciate all that the Boosters do to help make the experience even better at our school..."*

**Many thanks again to all who participated in the Elf Program & Treat Week!**

#### **BOOSTER CLUB MEETING**

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 @ 1pm** in the Main Office Conference Room.

**Stephanie Millard**, President

## Schedule for the Week

**Monday: A Day 01/09**

**Tuesday: B Day 01/10**

- Board Game Club 3:20-4:00 pm
- Robotics Club 3:30 - 4:00 pm

**Wednesday: A Day 01/11 Extended Schedule**

- Parent Booster Club Meeting 1:00pm-2:00pm

**Thursday: B Day 01/12**

- Computer Club 3:20-4:00 pm
- Girls Basketball pictures & Boys Wrestling Practice
- Robotics Club 3:30 - 4:00 pm

**Friday: B Day 01/13**

### **Announcements: Clubs and Happenings**

**Board Game Club:** Meets every Tuesday after school until 4:00 in room 803. It is open to all students. For more information see Mrs. Zumbrennen.

**Robotics Club:** Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:15 pm. Open to all grade levels and students may still join. The focus of the club will be the Nebraska Robotics Expo up until February and then will be more recreational.

### **Important Dates:**

- January 12th: Girls Basketball & Wrestling Pictures
- January 16th: No School, Teacher In-Service
- January 27th: 8th Grade Career Day
- February 15th & 16th: One Hour Early Out, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- February 17th: No School
- March 17th: No School, Teacher In-Service
- March 20th –24th: No School, Spring Break
- April 14th: No School Teacher In-Service

Jan./Feb. 2017 Newsletter Technology Write-ups

## **ClassLink -**



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 [here](#).

## **Google Sites -**

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.

## **Parents of Current 7th Grade Students -**

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.