

EVVMS Value:

Week #03
Valley View Value Practice

Parent Booster News

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Booster Club Breaking News

2017 Color Smash Dash

Don't miss the 3rd annual Color Smash Dash on Friday, September 15th from 3:30 – 5:30 PM! This year the event will be held right after school! Activities include a dunk tank with some of your favorite teachers, photo booth backdrop to snap your colorful selfie, tug of war contest and more! More details to come during Storm Time! \$30 entry fee. Register before August 30th and receive a t-shirt! You can register on our website at <http://evmsboosters.com/products-page/product-category/color-smash-dash-registration/>

Box Tops for Education Contest #1

Time to send in all the Box Tops you've collected over the summer!! We will have 3 contests this year and the Storm Time class that brings in the most Box Tops during each contest wins breakfast!

It's so easy to participate!!

- 1) Clip all Box Tops for Education labels from products you purchase or already have at home.
- 2) Put your Box Tops into a Ziploc bag, write your student's name on the bag, and have your student bring it to Storm Time.

<http://evmsboosters.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/BOX-TOPS.pdf>

http://evmsboosters.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/2017-08_BTFEProducts_ListUpdated1.pdf

CONTEST #1 begins NOW with a final date to turn in all you've collected by October 27th!

For a list of all products with a Box Tops label, please click here: <http://www.evmsboosters.com/committees/box-tops/>

Volunteer Opportunities

Show EVVMS Teachers and Staff your appreciation for all they do with sweet or savory treats. Sign up for a Wednesday here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548abaf2a1-wednesday6>

The EVVMS Booster Club sells Concessions at each home game. Each event needs 2 volunteers. This is a great way for high school students to accumulate service hours, as well as an opportunity for parents of EVVMS student-athletes to get involved. Click here to sign up:

Football: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F044DA9A723A75-evvms9

Volleyball: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044da9a723a75-evvms8>

Our first Booster Club Meeting is September 13, 2017 @ 1pm. We meet in the Main Conference Room (through the Main Office). Everyone is welcome!

Best Regards,
Susan Lumsden, *President*

Recently we have seen an increased number of requests for information regarding the importance of limiting screen time and engaging kids in other activities. Please read the below article regarding one idea that can be used to transition from a technology-filled day to a device-free night.

Device Free Dinner

Did you know that 92% of parents feel that quality conversations at dinner time are essential to connecting with their kids? Yet many worry that devices at the table are taking away from those moments. Curbing technology and device use at the table, including restaurants and not just home, is vital to keeping the conversation going and helping kids see that what's going on in their lives matters. Below are a few ways families can implement a device free dinner and connect over mealtimes:

“What was the best thing that happened to you today?” Get kids talking about their day and discover what brings them joy or what type of things make an impact on their day. It's this type of conversation that may just open your eyes to a new topic or activity that your child has recently discovered. Take this opportunity to find out what activities your child finds enjoyable, who they hang out with, etc.

It's Your Turn, Pick A Topic. Giving each member of the family a chance to choose the topic of conversation allows each individual to express themselves and gives insight into what's going on in each person's head. This can be done during every meal, where each member chooses a topic and it is discussed for a set amount of time, or it can be a daily opportunity, where each day, a different family member gets to choose the topic of conversation for the duration of the meal. Either way, make sure every individual participates, even if it's simply acknowledging a new area of interest for the family member that chose the topic.

Practice What You Preach. Kids follow the example of those around them, so parents taking phone calls and responding to emails or texts during dinner only shows them that the rules you put into place only apply to others. Show your children that you are taking the initiative seriously and give them your undivided attention. That phone call can be returned and the text message can certainly wait, and by doing so, you're showing your child that they matter to you more than the person on the other end of line.

Whether it is a sit-down meal at your family table or a quick run through the drive through, avoiding the use of technology during dinnertime guarantees that families have the daily opportunity to connect with each other. Take the time to listen and learn about every family members' day, you never know what new thing you might learn from it.

For more information on managing a device-free meal, check out <https://thefamilydinnerproject.org/>.

Portable PowerSchool

PowerSchool has gone mobile! The PowerSchool for Parents app is available for download from the Apple App Store and Google Play. Parents can easily view each child's progress in a single feed to check grades, review assignments and more. After downloading the app, enter code BFTS to find Elkhorn Public Schools and then log in using your PowerSchool parent access login. This app is only available for parents of students in grades 4-12 (oth grade parents cannot access until after the conclusion of the °st quarter).

Schedule for the Week

Monday: A Day 09/04 NO SCHOOL

Tuesday: B Day 09/05

- 7th Grade Football vs EGMS @ 4:15 pm
- MAPS Testing Language Arts

Wednesday: A Day 09/06 NO Extended Day Schedule

- Board Game Group in Mrs. Zumbrennen's room (803): afterschool till 4:00 pm
- MAPS Testing Language Arts

Thursday: B Day 09/07

- Computer Group in room 808 3:20-4:00pm
- 7th Grade Volleyball @ EGMS 4:15pm
- 8th Grade Volleyball vs EGMS 4:15pm
- 8th Grade Football vs Blair 4:15pm
- MAPS testing Science

Friday: A Day 09/08

- MAPS testing Science

Announcements: Groups and Happenings

Board Game Group: Any 6th-8th grade student interested in playing a variety of board games can meet in room 803 (Mrs. Zumbrennen's room) afterschool on Wednesdays till 4:00 pm.

Order a Yearbook online: Go to www.elkhornweb.org click on EVVMS and under the news section click on the 2017-2018 Yearbook for the link to order online

Computer Group: Any 6th-8th grade student interested in computers. No experience necessary! Meet in room 808 from 3:20-4:00pm on Thursdays

Fall MAPS Testing Schedule:

Sept. 5-7th Math
Sept. 7th-8th Science
Sept. 11-15 Make Ups

Important Dates:

- September 4th - No School
- September 18th - Teacher In Service, No School
- September 13th– Progress Reports sent home
- October 12th– End of First Quarter
- October 17th & 18th P/T Conferences
- November 16th - Progress Reports sent home
- December 22nd– End of Quarter 2
- December 25th-January 3rd - No School Winter Break