



November 2016

upcoming dates...

November 10th

-4th/5th Grade Music Program
6 PM and 7 PM

November 11th

-Veterans Day Assembly 9 AM

November 14th

-PTO 7 PM

November 16th

-Mid-quarters go home

November 23rd

-Early Dismissal 2:06

November 24th-25th

-Happy Thanksgiving!
No School

December 5th -16th

MAP Testing 2nd-5th Grades

December 22nd

-End of 2nd Quarter
-Winter Blast!

December 23rd-January 2nd

-Winter Break

January 3rd

-Teacher In-service-No School

January 4th

-School Resumes

Principal's Note:

Thank you to everyone for attending our Parent Teacher Conferences. We value this time with you. Contact teachers at any time with questions, concerns, or celebrations!

Veteran's Day Program

Our Veteran's Day Program is on November 11, 2016, at 9:00 AM. It is a wonderful opportunity to honor those who have served our country! The program includes the ESHS Band, students singing and veteran introductions. All families and friends are welcome and encouraged to invite veterans to be recognized. Students are asked to wear red, white, and/or blue. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts may wear their uniforms.

As we head into November and the season of Thanksgiving, I want to thank each of you for trusting us with your children. We are very fortunate to work with such caring and involved families!

Deb Knutson

Cool Weather Reminders!

- Coats, hats, mittens are needed most mornings for walking club. It is helpful if you put your child's name in coats. We can easily return items to your child if there is a name on the tag!
- All unclaimed lost and found items will be given to Goodwill over the Thanksgiving and winter break.
- **Inclement Weather!** School closings will be announced through our School Messenger email and phone system. When it begins snowing during the school day, we receive many phone calls asking if parents can pick up their children. Our answer is that it is always a parent's choice to come pick up their child in case of inclement weather.



From the VNA

Proper care in the early stages of an illness can reduce the possibility of spreading the illness to others. Proper diet, adequate rest, and good personal hygiene (especially frequent handwashing) 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 stomachache. A child should be fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication before returning to school.
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. Keep your child home for the duration of these symptoms. Be sure she is able to tolerate food without difficulty

SNOW DAYS Makeup Days for Missed School Days

As we approach the winter months, it is important to note how snow days may affect the calendar. 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). These days are scheduled for May 24th and 25th.

May 25th will become a vacation day if there are no more than one missed school day. May 24th and 25th will both become vacation days if there are no missed school days.

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.

A teacher in-service will be held on the first business day following the last student day.

PTO NEWS

- The next PTO meeting is Monday, November 14th at 7 PM in the media center.
- Please visit the PTO website at fireridgepto.com for more information.
- Information for the Celebration of Giving program will be coming home soon!



TECH SAVVY PARENT TIPS

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Elkhorn Public Schools Policy 507.13—Internet Safety Policy was written in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. Tech Savvy Parent tips are intended to inform and educate parents of technology that may be available to their students. Tips may feature apps that are educational as well as those that may be a cause for concern to parents.

Tech Vocabulary—Understanding “The Cloud”

“The cloud” refers to any type of service or software that runs on the Internet instead of your device. This means users can store videos, photos, documents, games and software in a cyber warehouse that can be accessed from anywhere. Dropbox, iCloud, Netflix and Google Drive are all popular cloud services.

Popular Apps—Venmo and Other Money Sharing Apps

Some young people are trading in cash for money sharing apps like Venmo. In general, money sharing and payment apps link a credit or debit card to an electronic account that can be used to pay for goods and services—or in the case of Venmo—transfer money amongst friends or split a dinner check. Users can ensure their personal and financial information is safe by following a few general guidelines: logout after every use, check your privacy and security settings often, link a card instead of your bank account, transfers aren't instant—treat it like a check, only use payment apps with close friends and family. It's also worth noting that most money sharing apps have guidelines that require users to be 18 years old.

An Educational App—SkoolBo Core Skills HD

SkoolBo Core Skills is a literacy and numeracy game for students grades K-5. Students practice their skills as they race opponents through a course. By correctly answering spelling and

Traffic Reminders

As the weather becomes colder, more students will be transported to and from school.

To ensure the safety of our students, please remember to watch for other cars, drive slowly watch for children in the crosswalks and pull up when dropping off or picking up your children. Thank you for your cooperation and following our rules!