



## WINTER BREAK

Friday, December 21 is a full school day.

No School December 22–January 4.

School resumes on January 7, 2019.

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## From the Desk of the Principal

This holiday season, Elkhorn Grandview Middle School students will be engaging in various activities that promote social awareness. Many different groups will be trying to help those less fortunate have an enjoyable Holiday. Please take time to ask your student what type of activities are taking place to serve others. By supporting these service projects, you will deepen the impact on both the families the students are trying to help and your child.

\*\*Student Council is hosting its First Annual Dodgeball Food Drive with all proceeds going to the Western Douglas County Food Bank. Teams of four students will compete in a dodgeball tournament on Friday, 12/7, after school. Students who are playing as well as students who come to watch are asked to bring in non-perishable food items.

\*\*Does your student have a Library fine? Would you like it waived? 'Tis the Season of Giving so bring in a canned food for up to \$1.00 off of your fine now through December 7th. Currently don't have a fine? You can bring a canned food item and receive a coupon for 50 cents off of your next fine. Let's help feed the hungry this holiday season!!!

\*\*The Celebration of Giving Project or "Mitten Tree", sponsored by Womenade to assist Elkhorn families in need, is up and running. All gifts are due back to EGMS by 12/6/18 at 3 p.m. We are out of mittens but students are encouraged to bring in gift cards to Walmart or Target to be added to what was requested by families if they would like to participate.

\*\*6th grade will be selling candy canes with all proceeds going to a selected charity.

From all of us here at Elkhorn Grandview Middle School, thank you for all you do and have a wonderful Holiday season!

### EGMS Text Reminders

You now have the ability to opt-in to a group that will allow you to receive one-way messages from your grade level team of teachers. If you would like to sign-up to receive these messages simply follow the directions below.

6th Grade: text the message @egms6 to 81010

7th Grade: text the message @egms7 to 81010

8th Grade: text the message @egms8 to 81010

### Weather Announcements

The district will be utilizing the School Messenger phone system to inform students and parents of school closings due to inclement weather.

When weather conditions exist that would jeopardize the safety of student's travel to or from school, information about school closing will be broadcast over radio stations KFAB (AM 1110) and the four local television stations. If school is to have a delayed



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### EGMS Booster Club Meeting & Parent Communication Meeting

Our December meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4th. The Booster Club Meeting will start at 6:30pm and the Parent Communication Meeting will start at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there!



Mark your calendar for the remaining Booster Club/Parent Communication dates:

Jan – no meeting

Feb. 5

March 7

April 4

May – no meeting

### Yearbooks on Sale

Elkhorn Grandview Middle School yearbooks are on sale now for \$30.00. **This price is good until January 18th when the price will go up to \$35.00.** A limited number of books have been ordered, so it is important to place an order to be guaranteed a book. Please have your student bring a check made out to EGMS to the office if they wish to order one or you may go on-line to [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) and place your order.

### 7th Grade Activity Night

Seventh grade Activity Night will take place on January 18th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at EGMS. The cost is \$5 per student. Snacks, music and a fun time will be shared by all.

### Progress Reports

Progress reports for the middle of second quarter were sent home with students on Wednesday, November 15th. The reports are yours to keep. We ask that you sign the envelope and return it to school with your child. If you did not receive a progress report, or if you have questions regarding your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher(s).

### Attendance Reminders

A student may not leave school without a written note, an e-mail (there is a link to contact the office on the EGMS webpage) or a phone call from a parent or guardian. This note should have the parent's telephone number on it, so that the note may be verified by the school staff. This notice for early dismissal must be presented to the school secretary before the school day starts. When students are late for school, a note, phone call or e-mail from the parent or guardian must be provided to main office.

***Students who must leave school during school hours will follow this procedure:***

1. Bring a written note or have your parent or guardian call or e-mail the main office. The written note should have the parent or guardian's daytime phone number.
2. Submit the note to the main office before going to your first class.
3. Pick up an early dismissal slip (if necessary) from the main office before leaving.
4. Students must sign out in the main office when leaving the building during school hours for any reason.
5. If you return before the school day ends, report to the office to sign in and get a pass.

**REMINDER: Any day that your student is not in attendance must be reported to the main office ASAP that morning. While we appreciate when you touch base with individual teachers it is most important that the office is notified.**

### From the Activities Director

Mark King, A.D.

The NSAA (Nebraska Schools Activities Association) has informed schools of the no contact period for activities. On December 22nd–26th, there will be no practices for EPS students. All buildings will also be closed for all activities, including outside groups throughout the entire district.

### Gift Giving and School Disruptions

Every holiday season brings with it the latest electronic device, gadget, or toy to hit the market. Often times these devices find their way to school. While we appreciate middle school students' desire to own these items, they may not be appropriate in a school environment. One of our primary goals is to provide an environment free from distractions. Parents and students need to be aware of the guidelines typically used to address these "popular" gifts that are not suited for school. These guidelines are located on page 10 of the student handbook. If your child receives these types of gifts this season, please have a discussion with them about the school's policy and expectations.

First Offense: Device may be taken from the student and given to the office. Item may be returned to the student at the end of the day.

Second Offense: Device may be taken from the student and given to the office. Item may be returned to the parent or guardian.

Third Offense: Device may be taken from the student and given to the office. A plan will be implemented with parental input for the remainder of the school year.

### Health Screening Thank You

Thank you to the following parents who came in to help with our health screenings held October 29th: Andrea Jarzynka & UNO Students, My Linh Le, Katie Horner, Kristi Bott, Julie Cooper, Maureen Murphy, Jamie Hunsberger, Laura Weber, Lisa Baker, and Michelle Douglas. A special thank you to MyLinh Le for helping organize the volunteers.

### EGMS School Play

Thanks to the Elkhorn Public School's Foundation, Elkhorn Grandview Middle School is preparing for the fifth annual play production. Students are busy rehearsing, creating costumes, constructing props and more. This year's play, **15 Reasons Not to Be in a Play** by Alan Haehnel, will be performed here at Grandview Middle School on Friday, December 14th at 7:00 P.M., and Saturday, December 15th at 2:00 P.M. Come out and support the cast and crew members and all of their hard work! The performance is **FREE!** See you there!



### Winter Apparel

As the winter season grows stronger, please make sure your student comes to school dressed for the weather. Many times students may arrive early in the morning and may have to wait outside in the cold until supervision begins and they can be brought inside. Students also may have an unexpectedly long wait after school due to unforeseen circumstances. We make every effort to make sure kids are not out in the cold for long periods of time. However, for the safety of your child, they need to dress appropriately.

### 2019 Washington DC Trip

7th grade parents, there will be an enrollment meeting for any current 7th grade student wanting to travel on the Washington DC trip next fall. The travel dates are October 17 - 20, 2019.

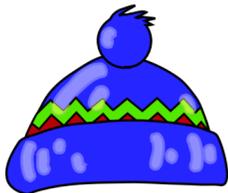
When: Thursday, January 17, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Elkhorn Valley View Middle School (1313 S 208th St, Elkhorn, NE 68022)

### HYVee Cash for Students

We continue to collect HyVee receipts for the Cash for Schools program. Thanks to all who have sent in receipts thus far. The program ends on Dec. 31st so there is still plenty of time to send in any receipts that you (or someone you know) has from groceries, gas, pharmacy, diner, etc. We receive cash back on all receipts.



## 6th Grade News

Mrs. Blomenkamp, Mrs. Burson, Mrs. Eikmeier, Mr. Kluender, Mrs. Kuiper, Mr. Lucks, Mrs. Miller, Ms. Reznicek, Mrs. Royal, Mrs. Smith, Ms. White, Mr. Zach



In Reading, students will continue studying Greek and Latin roots and read short stories that focus on the elements of literature. We will also study main idea and supporting details and various reading strategies to improve comprehension. The AR goal for the second quarter is due December 17th.

Language Arts students will begin December by continuing work on the six traits of writing and preparing for the writing assessment. From that, they will move on to

completing a practice text dependent analysis. Prepositions will then be in order for the sixth graders.

Sixth grade math classes will be working on multiplication and division of fractions. We will also be working with the order of operations and writing and evaluating algebraic expressions. Pre-Concepts students will be working on operations with fractions and decimals and applying number theory concepts. Then we will begin our algebra unit by writing and evaluating expres-

sions, and generating equivalent expressions.

Social Studies students will continue a unit on Economics. They will also focus on personal finance.

In Science, students will be learning about the Structure and Function of the Human Body. Topics that will be covered are: characteristics of living things, cell structure and function, and how the body functions as a whole organism.

## 7th Grade News

Mr. Bluhm, Mrs. Bodyfield, Mrs. Burson, Mr. Feickert, Ms. Jussel, Mr. Kluender, Mrs. Kudrna, Mr. Kush, Mrs. Lorensen, Mrs. Nightengale, Mrs. Pilkington, Mr. Quincy, Ms. Reznicek, Mr. Zach

In Science, 7<sup>th</sup> graders are finishing the Inside Earth unit and will be starting a unit covering the Human Body. In this unit, we will study how the human body is organized and will look at the structure and function of the different organ systems. We will also talk about homeostasis and the interdependence of our organ systems.

In World History we are currently finishing up the Ancient Greeks. We will be learning about the Ancient Romans next. We will be studying their beginnings, their culture, and the end of their empire. We are discussing such leaders as Julius Caesar and Augustus. Learning about their daily life and taking a look at the difference in how the rich and poor were treated in Rome, is also something the students will become familiar with. After Ancient Rome we will be

moving on to the World Religions and then the Middle Ages. The kids have been doing many different projects over Greece and Rome and have done a fantastic job. We will also be having a state standard over those two areas of the world.

In Language Arts we will return from Thanksgiving break and begin a website project. Students will be writing, editing and publishing pages over a topic of interest to them. This project has many steps with many deadlines. After three weeks of hard work, students will have created their own website. In January when we return from a long, winter break, focus will be on text-dependent analysis.

In Reading, we will be continuing to learn about the elements of fiction. The DCA over this material will be in

December. AR goals for all Reading students are due Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. In January, when we return from winter break, we will be discussing elements of non-fiction and beginning our preparations for assessments in the spring.

Math classes have just finished up a unit over all operations involving fractions and will now be going into a unit solving all operations with decimals. Pre-Algebra classes will be working on a unit solving multi-step equations and inequalities before moving on to proportional reasoning.



## 8th Grade News

Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Bloom, Ms. Borer, Ms. Everly, Mr. Feickert, Mrs. Harger, Mr. Kush, Ms. Mimick, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Simonich, Mr. Zach

Things are going well this quarter. We are all busy with projects, competitions, and state standards. Students are doing a lot of reading as well. As a reminder, students are allotted 10 passes per quarter for restroom and drink breaks and/or to return to their lockers. These passes are found in their agenda and must remain there in order to be used. Students are encouraged to use their agenda also for teacher to teacher passes and before school passes. If students lose their agenda throughout the year, a new one may be purchased from the office for \$5. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday break and will be ready for the new semester January 7th.

In Language Arts we will have finished district writing assessment. We will be working

on a mini research project before winter break in preparation of our research DCA after break

In Science, we will spend most of December finishing the Earth History unit including fossils, rock layers and geologic time. The final week in December and into January we will be working on the Energy unit. This includes kinetic and potential energy, forms of energy and light.

In American History we will be finishing the semester with our state standard over Manifest Destiny. We will begin second semester with Reforms of the Early 1800s and the Civil War. Please continue to check Moodle for daily homework.

For Reading we have transitioned into our non-fiction

unit. In December, students will be focusing on organizational patterns and persuasion. Nonfiction DCA (Dec 19) and Unit 1-10 vocab test will happen before winter break on December 20<sup>th</sup>. In January, students will be reading short stories out of the Illustrated Man. AR deadline for second quarter is December 17, 2018.

Algebra students will be solving systems of linear equations and inequalities, followed by applying the rules of exponents. Pre-Algebra students will be solving equations and inequalities in one variable. Next, they will be examining the properties of triangles and applying the Pythagorean Theorem. As always, encourage your child to come see us for extra help or clarification before/after school or during study halls.

### 8th Grade Testing Schedule

Friday 12/14

Science Final

Wednesday 12/19

LA Research Outline Due

Reading Nonfiction DCA

History Manifest Destiny DCA

Pre Algebra Final

Algebra Final

Thursday 12/20

Reading Vocabulary Test

History Quarter 2 Vocabulary Test

Pre Algebra Final

Algebra Final

**DON'T FORGET  
TO LOOK AT  
PAGE 8 for EHS  
REGISTRATION  
INFORMATION**



## Band News

### Mr. Johnson

**8th Grade All-State Band** – Congratulations to Wells Johnson and David Ramirez for being selected for the 2019 Nebraska State Bandmasters Association 8<sup>th</sup> Grade All-State Band! They are two of only 130 students selected out of over 400 who auditioned from across the entire state for this prestigious group!! The event will be held on January 19 at Kearney High School with the final concert being held at 4:00. Although not accepted, a big thank you should go out to the following students who also auditioned for the group: McKenna Ostler, Nicholas Schlott, and Carter Sokol. They all put in countless hours practicing and preparing their audition materials. Their efforts and hard work are greatly appreciated!

**December 14 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band @ EHS!!!**– On Friday, December 14, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band has been invited to perform with the EHS high school band at a varsity basketball game. More details will be sent home with the students as we get closer to the event, but students should plan to report to the EHS Auditorium by 5:45 PM. Students will then play for half time and the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Girls varsity game against Nebraska City. Students will be dismissed following the end of the girls game. Participating students will be admitted to the game free, but parents and siblings will need to pay normal admission or show their Elkhorn Activity Passes. Dress for this event will be jeans, tennis shoes, and their black EGMS Music Polo shirt (tucked in!). This is always a fun evening for the students, so please put it on your calendar!

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrument Switchers and Doublers** – We have reached that time of the year where we are looking for 6<sup>th</sup> graders to switch to some of the “color” instruments of the band. These instruments include French horns, tubas, double reeds (oboes and bassoons), bass clarinets, and tenor and baritone saxophones. While limited in number, these instruments play a vital role in every quality band program. These instruments help add tone quality and depth to support the sounds produced by the instruments we already have, including flutes, clarinets, alto saxophones, trumpets, trombones, baritones, and percussion. Over the coming weeks, we will be letting interested students try these instruments to see if they are a good match. Interested students should talk to their parents about the possibility of switching, demonstrate a desire to practice often, and excel at their current instrument. For those interested, it is possible for students to double (play 2 instruments) rather than switching all out. In 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, this would mean playing one instrument for concert band during school and another instrument for jazz band before school. In many instances, there are school instruments available, although the quantity is limited. Please feel free to contact Mr. Johnson by email or by phone at school if you have any questions. Parents will be contacted personally before any decisions are made. Our intention is to have the entire process completed by the middle of December. Thanks again to all parents for their continuing support of music in our schools.

**February 7 Concert** – On Thursday, February 7, the EGMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade band, “State of Mind” Jazz Band, the Jazz Expos, and numerous 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade small ensembles will be performing their Winter Concert. The concert will take place in the EGMS gym starting at 7:00 PM. Students will need to report to the gym by 6:30 for warm-ups. Dress for this and all other concerts is solid black shoes, black socks, black pants, and their black EGMS Music Polo shirt (tucked in!)

**February 18 Concert at EHS** – On Monday, February 18, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade band will be performing in concert at EHS. In addition to performing their own music, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade band will combine with both the EMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade band and the high school bands on a 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 6:30 for warm-ups. Dress for this and all other concerts is solid black shoes, black socks, black pants, and their black EGMS Music Polo shirt (tucked in!)

**February 22 – Great Plains Jazz Festival** – On Friday, February 22, the **State of Mind** Jazz Band will be traveling to UNO for the Great Plains Jazz Festival. This will be the very first time that any middle school Jazz Band from Elkhorn has ever competed in this Festival. We are so excited!! Students will be transported to and from the event using school transportation. More details will follow once we receive information that includes our performance time.

**March 5 Concert at EHS – 7:00 PM** - On Tuesday, March 5, the EGMS 6<sup>th</sup> grade band and chorus students, as well as the Show Choir and State of Mind Jazz Band, will be performing their 2<sup>nd</sup> (and 3<sup>rd</sup>) concerts of the year. Joining us for this performance will be the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Manchester, Sagewood, and West Dodge Station elementary schools playing their recorders. New this year, this concert will take place at **Elkhorn High School** in the main gym. Students will need to report to the EHS gym by 6:30 PM. Dress for this and all other concerts is solid black shoes, black socks, black pants, and their black EGMS Music Polo shirt (tucked in!)

Band News



## Band continued

**March 7 - EMC Middle School Band Festival** – On Thursday, March 7, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands will be traveling to Waverly for the 9th annual Eastern Midlands Conference Middle School Concert Band Festival. Performance times are not currently known, but students should plan to be report by 7:00 AM and be gone all of the school day. Students will be transported on school transportation. Dress for this and all other concerts is solid black shoes, black socks, black pants, and their black EGMS Music Polo shirt (tucked in!). We will be needing quite a few parents to help chaperone this day. Please contact Mr. Johnson by email ([cpjohnson@epsne.org](mailto:cpjohnson@epsne.org)) if you are interested. THANK YOU!!! J

**Private Lessons** – At Elkhorn Grandview Middle School, we try to provide every student with as much time and individual attention as possible to make them the best musicians they can be. 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. Johnson.

## Counselor's Corner

Kyle Peterson, EGMS Counselor

**Below is information about upcoming events, potential opportunities, and resources available for Elkhorn Grandview families.**

**Love and Logic Parenting Tips**—Love and Logic provides a wealth of **parenting tips and advice**, with articles and handouts for parents of children ranging from newborns to teenagers. Trusted for over 35 years, the **parenting advice from Love and Logic experts** cover topics such as potty training, aggressive toddlers, homework assignments, internet safety, accountability, appropriate consequences, avoiding power struggle and more. You can access the information at <http://www.loveandlogic.com/t-Free-Articles-and-Handouts-for-Parents.aspx> If you have questions or would like to discuss this philosophy and how you might apply this with you own children, please feel free to contact Kyle Peterson, EGMS School Counselor.

**Food Assistance**- If your student or family may benefit from food assistance, please contact EGMS school counselor (Kyle Peterson).

**Arbor Family Services**- Elkhorn Public Schools partners with Arbor Family Services to serve students and their families. Arbor Family provides two free sessions with a counselor regarding a specific issue. Arbor Family works with students and their families on a variety of issues such as, wellness, stress, divorce, parenting/children, eating disorders, school problems, work problems, managing change, depression/anxiety, relationships, trauma, drug/alcohol abuse and more. If you would like more information, please contact Arbor Family at 402-330-0960 or your school counselor.

**TeamMates Program**- As Elkhorn Public Schools continues to experience significant growth throughout the District, and our student population progressively diversifies, the need for extra student support increases. As a result of this growth, EPS recently made the decision to transition our current, district-run Partners in Education Mentoring Program into a chapter with the TeamMates Mentoring Program. Mentors can have a huge impact on student success. If you're interested in making a difference in the life of an EPS student, please visit <https://teammates.org/become-a-mentor/apply/> and choose "Elkhorn, NE" as your desired chapter. If you have questions regarding the TeamMates of Elkhorn mentoring chapter, contact Kara Perchal at [kperchal@epsne.org](mailto:kperchal@epsne.org) or (402) 289-2579.

### Resources

\***Nebraska Family Helpline**- (1-888-866-8660) [www.nebraskafamilyhelpline.ne.gov](http://www.nebraskafamilyhelpline.ne.gov)

\***Boys Town National Hotline**-24/7 Help (1-800-448-3000) [Yourlifeyourvoice.org](http://Yourlifeyourvoice.org)

\***Arbor Family**-402-330-0960

\***National Suicide Prevention Hotline**- 1-800-273-8255 <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

Counselor's  
Corner



# SAVE THE DATES

Important Registration Information from Elkhorn High School Counselors

## **Wednesday, February 20th, 2019**

### **High school counselors will visit the middle school**

High school counselors will travel to the middle schools to distribute 9<sup>th</sup> grade registration materials. Students will receive a copy of their registration sheet outlining courses offered to prospective ninth graders and specific course recommendations. Recommendations are based upon advice from high school administration, teachers, counselors, and test scores. Students will also receive a copy of the curriculum guide. This guide includes information on curriculum, academic planning, and activities.

Parents are encouraged to discuss the 9<sup>th</sup> grade course recommendations and elective courses with their 8<sup>th</sup> grader before February 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Wednesday, February 27th, 2019**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration/Parent Night**

**5:00 pm OR 7:00 pm EHS Auditorium**

**Please bring the registration sheet your student receives on February 20<sup>th</sup> to this meeting.**

Parents and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to Elkhorn High School on February 27th at 5:00 pm or 7:00 pm. Please come to whichever time works best for your family. Parents will pick up additional registration materials at the door and then proceed to the auditorium. At that time, counselors will present an 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation and curriculum PowerPoint. After the presentation, parents will complete course selections and sign the registration form to verify course selections. Forms will be collected at the end of the evening.

Interested in EHS music offerings?

Please join us for a "Taste of Music" in between the two sessions



JV Show Choir "Exclamation" 6:20 – 6:35

Jazz Band 2 6:40 – 6:55

## Booster Club News



### Concession Help

Hello Grandview Middle School parents! !

We are looking for volunteers to work the concession stands for the boys/girls basketball games. There is a big window that gives you a perfect view of the court so you can even watch the game. Even if your student is not involved in basketball or sports, the Booster Club would love to have your help. 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents, this is a great way for you to get involved with your student's school! The entire season for girls basketball is open. Here is the link to sign up:

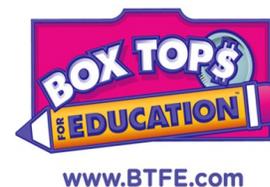
[www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4fa5aa2faafb6-7thand](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4fa5aa2faafb6-7thand) Please consider signing up for a slot. Thanks!

### Box Tops

The EGMS Box Tops leaderboard poster is now on display in the commons. Our first quarter collection was a great success and there is some good competition brewing between PRIDE groups.

Our next Box Tops collection drive will take place December 10 – 14. Your Box Tops do not need to be trimmed, sorted, or counted. Simply put them in a ziploc bag and have your student turn it in to their PRIDE teacher. For those of you who missed our first collection drive in October, now is the perfect time to submit your Box Tops. Remember, every clip counts!

For more information on the Box Tops for Education program, including a list of participating products, digital coupons, and how to earn bonus Box Tops, visit [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [michelle.hartnett@cox.net](mailto:michelle.hartnett@cox.net).



Thank you for participating!

Michelle Hartnett, Box Tops Coordinator, EGMS Booster Club

## TECH SAVVY PARENT TIPS

### *Cyberbullying: Tips and Tricks for Kids*

Cyberbullying is defined as using technology or electronics to bully an individual via the sending of intimidating messages. Given the popularity of online social media, most students have, or will, experience cyberbullying.

Below are 5 tips you can share with your child if they encounter cyberbullying:

- Don't respond or retaliate
- Block the bully, including phone numbers, screen names, and email addresses
- Save the evidence
- Report on the platform where cyberbullying is experienced, as most social sites include a "report abuse" feature
- Tell a trusted adult

For more information on how to combat cyberbullying, visit [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org).

*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.*

#BeKind

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# Save the Date

## Evening of Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

**This spring, EGMS will have its annual “Reach Out” Week where we bring awareness to mental health and bullying. This year, we have Kyler Erickson coming who is going to share his powerful story. This is a night you are not going to want to miss!**

**Kyler Erickson**

<http://kylererickson.com//>

### **“Turning Tragedy into Testimony”**

As a senior at Millard South high school, Kyler Erickson witnessed a school shooting, done so by one of his classmates. As it turned his world upside down, he struggled to find hope in such a horrific time. It took him a year and a half to finally admit to, and seek help for his Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

He first talked to his family and close friends, telling them how much mental pain he was going through. Kyler went through months and months of vigorous therapy.

After being healed and finding peace, he followed his dreams and is currently speaking in Omaha and hundreds of places all around the country. Kyler has not, and will not stop showing people how much they are loved. He focuses on mental illness and overcoming obstacles. Kyler is a kid with an incredible story, and an even bigger heart. He refuses to be stopped, on his way to changing lives.

#### **For Questions, please contact:**

Kyle Peterson (EGMS School Counselor)

kpeterson@epsne.org or 402-289-9399



Considering an end of year gift? A tax-deductible donation to the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation will help further our mission in 2019 and beyond. Thank you for your continued support in enriching the education of our Elkhorn Public Schools students!

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Mark your Calendar: Bids 4 Kids will be held on April 4, 2019. Join us for a fun evening of silent auction bidding! We are grateful for any and all donations! For donation information, please contact Stacey Selk at [sselk@elkhornfoundation.org](mailto:sselk@elkhornfoundation.org)

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EKC 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@elkhornfoundation.org](mailto:awhorlow@elkhornfoundation.org)

# FUNDRAISING PARTNERSHIP!

GET YOUR UPPER LEVEL TICKETS TO THE FOLLOWING GAMES FOR ONLY



# \$33.50 Each!

## REGULAR SEASON GAMES

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DEC. 9TH - BALTIMORE RAVENS

DEC. 30TH - RAIDERS

\$10 of every ticket purchased will go back to the Special Education Programs in Elkhorn Public Schools!

**Purchase your tickets @**  
**[www.chiefs.com/ticketfundraiser/](http://www.chiefs.com/ticketfundraiser/)**  
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# Elkhorn Junior Dance Clinic

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Boys and Girls

Grades K-5: Junior Dance Clinic

Grades 6-8: Dance & Tryout Clinic

(6-8 has the option to perform, if not please pick up at 2:30)

DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>

CHECK IN: 11:00

CLINIC: 11:30-2:30

Perform at the 2:30

Girls Basketball Game

(Must sign out dancer in auxiliary gym after halftime performance)

Register by December 8th to guarantee a t-shirt

Checks Made out to: Elkhorn Dance Team

Mail Form & check to: Shanda Turley

1332 N 206 St. Elkhorn, NE 68022

If you have any questions, please email:

edtjunior@dance@gmail.com

**\$40** Includes: Age Appropriate Dances & Activities T-shirt  
Hair Bow/Accessory Craft Snack 2 Adult Passes to Game

Dancer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt: Child- S M L Adult- S M L

Emergency Contact Name & # (if parent can't be reached) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions/ Allergies/ Need to Knows \_\_\_\_\_

\*if needed please continue on back

I give permission for my child to participate in the Elkhorn Junior Dance Clinic. I shall assume full financial responsibility for any injury of my child. I shall not expect or request financial aid from the school or any person representing EPS/EDT in the event of an injury. In addition, I give permission to publish the likeness or image of my child and release it to local media sources with the intent of positive promotion of activities, programs, or services of EPS and it's students.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 7BB vs Bennington 4:15 pm 8BB @ Bennington 4:15 pm	4 EGMS Booster Meeting 6:30pm Parent Communication Meeting 7:00pm	5	6 7BB @ Blair 4:15pm 8BB vs Blair 4:15pm	7 <b>First Annual Dodgeball Food Drive 3:30 pm</b>	8
9	10 7BB vs Waverly 4:15pm 8BB @ Waverly 4:15pm  School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	11 7BB vs NE City 4:15 p.m. 8BB @NE City 4:15 p.m. Intramural BB Tournament @ 3:30 pm	12 Intramural BB Tournament @ 3:30 pm	13 Intramural BB Tournament @ 3:30 pm  7th/8th GB Meeting 3:30-3:50 p.m.	14 6th Grade Pep Band @ EHS 6:00 pm  EGMS School Play 7:00 pm	15 EGMS School Play 2:00 pm
16	17	18	19	20 PRIDE AWARDS	21 <b>End of 1st Semester Dismissal at 3:20 pm</b>	22 NSAA Moratorium
23 NSAA Moratorium	24 <b>WINTER BREAK</b> No School NSAA Moratorium	25 <b>WINTER BREAK</b> No School NSAA Moratorium	26 <b>WINTER BREAK</b> No School NSAA Moratorium	27 <b>WINTER BREAK</b> No School	28 <b>WINTER BREAK</b> No School	29
30	31					



# January 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		WINTER BREAK No School	WINTER BREAK No School	2nd SEMESTER BEGINS	NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	2nd SEMESTER BEGINS First day of GB practice School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		GB Parent Meeting 5:15 pm			7th Grade Activity Night 7-9 pm	8th Grade All- State Band @ UNK
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	No School Teacher In-Service 7GB @ Waverly 4:15 pm 8GB vs Waverly 4:15 pm	7GB @ Blair 4:15pm 8GB vs Blair 4:15pm		7GB @ EVVMS 4:15 pm 8GB vs EVVMS 4:15 pm		
27	28	29	30	31		
		7GB @ Bennington 4:15 pm 8GB vs Bennington 4:15 pm		7GB vs Norris 4:15 pm 8GB @ Norris 4:15 pm 7/8 WR Δ @ Tekamah-Herman 5:30 pm		