

## IMPORTANT DATES

No School—SPRING BREAK: March 19-20.  
No School—Teacher In-Service: Monday, March 23rd.  
School Resumes: March 24th.

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## From the Desk of the Principal

### Progress Reports

Parent/Teacher conferences were held on Wednesday, February 19 and Thursday, February 20. Mid-quarter progress reports were shared with parents. If you did not attend conferences, upon your request, your child may bring their portfolio home for your review. After reviewing, please return the portfolios to school. Please use these reports to help your child achieve his/her educational goals. Should you have questions about your child's progress, please call the school, (402) 289-9399 and ask to speak to the teacher for clarification.

Parent/Teacher conference attendance:

6th grade student led 67%

7th grade student led 67%

8th grade student led 68%



### 2020 Standardized Achievement Testing at EGMS

Students at EGMS will have an important stretch of standardized testing beginning March 30. ALL students will be taking the state reading test (NSCAS-R) and state math test (NSCAS-M). Eighth graders will also be taking the state science test (NSCAS-S). The following is a summary of the testing schedule:

**March 30 - April 3:** ALL students at EGMS will take the state reading test (NSCAS-R).

**April 6 - April 8:** 8th grade students will be taking the state science test (NSCAS-S).

**April 13 - April 17:** ALL students will take the state math test (NSCAS-M).

**April 27 - May 8:** ALL students will take MAP. This is the second administration of the MAP test this year and will show the growth of each student from fall to spring. MAP will assess students in the area of reading, math, language, and science.

These are all very important assessments that truly allow us to measure the academic growth of each student. Please insist that your child is getting plenty of sleep and eating breakfast each morning. **We would appreciate you not scheduling appointments for your students on these days. If you absolutely must take your child out of school please let us know well ahead of time so that we may avoid having to interrupt any classrooms during a test.** If you have any questions regarding these assessments please contact Mr. Tomjack.

### Pick-up Reminder

If you are waiting to pick up your student down the street from EGMS after school, please do not block any driveways. We want to be good neighbors.

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### EGMS Booster Club Meeting

Please join us at 6:30 on March 3rd in the EGMS Library for the Booster Club meeting followed immediately by the Parent Communication Meeting.

Mark your calendar for the remaining Booster Club meeting dates:  
April 7



### 2020/2021 Registration Requirements

All students will only be allowed to register for one study hall per day. As a result, students not in Reading Support or Math Support will be required to register for either band, chorus or Spanish. We know that research clearly supports the advantages of students participating in fine arts classes and World Language instruction. See the Counselor's Corner for the dates when materials will be sent home and when they need to be returned.

### End of Third Quarter

Thursday, March 18th, marks the end of third quarter. Report cards will be mailed home during the week of March 23rd.

### Fiber Art Enrichment

Wednesdays

3/4 7:30 - 8:00 am

3/11 7:30 - 8:00 am

3/18 7:30 - 8:00 am

3/25 7:30 - 8:00 am

See Ms. Devries for more



### Handbook Dress Code Reminder

As the weather gets warmer, questions arise about dress code. The middle school dress code is one of common sense, parental approval, and personal pride. Not all current fashion trends are considered appropriate according to the Middle School Handbook. (midriff tops, large holes or cuts in clothing that exposes the body, logos or slogans that are sensitive and cause a disruption in the school day) Please consult the handbook for clothing that is considered acceptable for school. If a student is in violation of the school dress code policy he/she will be addressed by a counselor or administrator. He/She will be given the opportunity to find an acceptable change of clothing for the remainder of the day. Continuous violations of the dress code policy may result in disciplinary action. Thank you for your continued support of maintaining a safe and disruption free learning environment.

### EGMS SPRING TRACK

Track practice will begin after Spring Break. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls are invited to participate. **All participants need to make sure they have their physicals and athletic fees turned in prior to the first day of practice.** A complete practice and meet schedule will be handed out at the first meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Practices will be every day after school and will end at 5pm. **Please make arrangements for your son/daughter to be picked up by 5:15pm.**



Here are a couple of important dates to put on your calendar:

**March 17th** Meeting for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys participating in track.

**\*\* Full Season Calendar will be handed out including meets and practices.\*\***

**March 24th** Girls Only Practice

**March 25th** Boys Only Practice

**March 26th** Everyone (boys and girls) practices starting on this date.

Parent Meeting @ 5pm in the EGMS main gym.



\*\*EGMS would like you to join Remind to receive messages about track via text. For girls track text @2020grandv to 81010, for boys track text @btrack202 to 81010.

**SPORTS PHYSICALS FOR 2020-2021**

All 7th & 8th graders for the 2020-2021 school year who plan to participate in sports at EGMS along with any 6th grader who wishes to participate in running club will need a sports physical indicating that they are cleared without restriction.

Please contact your health care provider to arrange for your child to get a Sports Physical for next year.

**Keep in mind that Sports Physicals for next school year must be dated after May 1, 2020.**

Most physician offices will get very busy in late summer so schedule your appointments early. Fall sports will begin the first week of school in August and students are not allowed to participate without having a Sports Physical turned in. **If your student is a 7th grader for 2020/2021 they require a full physical which will cover the Sports Physical requirement.**



**Summer Activity Camps**

Each summer Elkhorn coaches and sponsors offer a variety of sports/activity camps for students of all ages. Available camps will be posted on-line at [elkhornweb.org/antlers](http://elkhornweb.org/antlers) and [elkhornweb.org/storm](http://elkhornweb.org/storm) by April 1, 2020. Parents can go online to browse camps and download registration flyers.

***Please note:** Elkhorn Public Schools only posts summer camp information for camps hosted by an EPS coach or sponsor as related to his or her duties within the school district.*

**From the Office of the A.D. Mark King**

***IS THE GAME ON OR OFF TODAY?***

Steps the A.D. Office will follow for inclement weather: Postponements/Cancellations will be posted on [www.easternmidconference.org](http://www.easternmidconference.org).

**MS Track Practices will be determined by 1:30 pm in case of inclement weather.**

**EGMS BOOSTER CLUB NOTES**

At our March meeting we will review 8th grade celebration preparations and the status of Staff Appreciation that will be upcoming. We will also be catching up on the status of our scholarship committee.

We only have TWO meetings left in this school year (March & April) so we encourage you to please come attend.

March meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 3rd at 6:30. SEE you then!

**THANK YOU PARENTS!!**

Many thanks to the parents who provided meals for our staff during Parent/Teacher Conferences. The food was delicious and greatly appreciated by all! Parents who donated items included: Sugar Thiessen, Stephanie Reinhardt, Evelia Diaz, Claire Sneau, Jamie Kratky, Amanda Marshall, Crystal Kmoch, Reed Rasmussen, Stacy Dryak, Jennifer Larson, Patti Owen, Teri Mercer, Trisha Troia, Sarah Brabec, Carly Thomas, Tina Rohe, Kelly Bertucci, Tiffany Brettmann, Rebecca Gibson, Laura Farrington, Joy Jones, Kim Clements, Mary Myers, Susan Coe, Susy Rieck, Michelle Hartnett, Nancy Lary, Allison Wagner, Olivia Weddell, Maher Abdalla, Jennifer Meyer, MyLinh Le, and Wendy Wright-Kent. A special thanks goes out to Jennifer Davenport for all her efforts to coordinate, set-up and clean-up the meals.

**From the 8th Grade Celebration Parent Committee:**

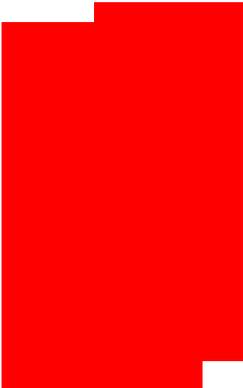
***8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Celebration: APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>***

Save the date!

*Saturday 7-10pm, games, music, snacks.*

*All EGMS 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to come and celebrate the accomplishment of completing their middle school years!*

***A flyer with additional information will be coming home with your 8<sup>th</sup> grader in March.***



## 6th Grade News

Ms. Anderson, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Blomenkamp, Mrs. Burson, Mrs. Correll, Mrs. Kuiper, Mr. Lucks, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Nielsen, Mrs. Nightengale, Ms. Reznicek, Mrs. Royal, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Zach

Language Arts students will be starting the month with sentence structure. They will then move into the 4th quarter district assessment over mechanics.

Sixth grade math students will finish up solving equations as well as solving and graphing inequalities. Next, we will start geometry!

Pre-Concepts students will continue working with area

and perimeter and will begin surface area and volume of 3-dimensional shapes next.

In reading class, we are analyzing nonfiction texts and will take the District Assessment over nonfiction in March. AR Point Goals are due on March 16th.

Social studies students will begin a unit over Geography. We will start with some prac-

tice using map skills and then study The Five Themes of Geography.

In science, we will continue studying the growth and development of organisms along with study of inheritance and variation of traits.



## 7th Grade News

Mr. Bluhm, Mrs. Bodyfield, Mrs. Burson, Mr. Feickert, Ms. Jussel, 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 up with our Earth Science units by studying how plate motion causes changes to the surface of the Earth. We will then finish up the year in our Physical Science units. In these units, students will be gaining a basic understanding of Chemistry.

In 7th grade Language Arts we will finish 3rd quarter in a debate unit. Student will prepare speeches to defend the living legend of their choice. We will begin 4th quarter working on a poetry unit. In Language Arts, the unit will be focused on writing original poems and writing literary analysis of published works.

Seventh grade math classes will be completing a unit on probability. We are also preparing for our NSCAS-M tests which will begin in April. Pre-Algebra classes will be finishing a unit with geometry before moving on to probability. Algebra classes are also preparing for NSCAS-M tests.

In World History the kids have just finished up the Middle Ages. It was a chapter the kids really enjoyed. We will now be moving into the Renaissance and Reformation.

In Reading, we are working on figurative language. AR for 3rd quarter is due Monday,

March 16<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to ask your child about the novels he/she is reading. It does improve comprehension when a child can adequately relay what they've read to another person.



## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Health - Human Growth & Development

Mr. Zeplin

As part of our middle school curriculum, your student has been enrolled in 7<sup>th</sup> grade Human Growth and Development during his/her 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> rotation of exploratory classes. Students in the health rotation, will be bringing an informational letter home on the first day of class, which will need to be signed and returned. In advance, we appreciate your timely response on this.

As part of this course, we will focus on a wide range of topics relating to human growth and development. Topics will include: making healthy choices, self-respect, puberty/adolescence, human reproduction, pregnancy, prenatal development/childbirth, bully-

ing/cyber-bullying, media influences, relationship skills, diversity in relationships, dating/healthy relationships, sexual harassment, abuse and sexually transmitted diseases.

Students will use the text *Glencoe Teen: Healthy Relationships and Sexuality (2014)*. This text will provide a factual overview of human growth and development. Parents may contact us with questions or to preview the text (Elkhorn Public Schools policy 606.01).

We know that our students and their families have a range of beliefs, cultures and customs. Those family values are core, essential guidelines for your student. Parents/

guardians will be asked to help guide conversations with their students throughout this rotation. We will send home four take-home assignments; topics include: What was it like when you were a teen?, Dating, Your child's arrival to your home, and Beliefs/Sexuality. The intent of these assignments is to foster family discussion and no written report is required.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or school principal.

Mr. Mike Zeplin  
[mzeplin@epsne.org](mailto:mzeplin@epsne.org)  
 402-289-9399



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mrs. Bloom, Ms. Everly, Mr. Feickert, Mrs. Harger, Mr. Kush, Ms. Mimick, Mrs. Nielsen, Mr. Nordin, Mrs. Podraza, Mrs. Schrock, Mrs. Schroeder, Mr. Zach

Student Led Conferences were a success. Thank you for your continuing support with our students. March is here, and we are all heavily into State Standards. Our students will be encountering them on a daily basis for the rest of the year. The end of the quarter is March 18<sup>th</sup>.

In language arts, students will be finishing up their extensive Research DCA before moving onto preparing for the NSCAS state assessment. In addition to that, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be working through a cumulative review of grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and sentence structure rules.

This month in Science we will finish covering a unit over Genetics ending with our DCA. After spring break, we will continue preparing for our upcoming state test as well as begin our Chemistry Unit.

In History we will be finishing our Civil War unit and begin our Progressive Era unit.

In Reading we are studying poetry and figurative language during the month of March. The district assessment over Figurative Language will be March 11<sup>th</sup>. We will also be preparing for the NSCAS state assessment which will be given in April. The AR deadline is March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Pre-Algebra students will be completing a mini-unit over volume and will be ending the quarter with a DCA over geometry and the application of algebraic concepts. We will begin reviewing for the NSCAS upon our return from Spring Break!

Algebra students just finished simplifying polynomials and have put their factoring skills to work to solve quadratic equations. Next we will be exploring quadratic equations by graphing, completing the square, and applying the Quadratic Formula.

**8<sup>th</sup> Graders interested in Cheer or Dance Team at EHS or ENHS next year should see the information on page 11.**

## Band News

Mr. Johnson

**March 12 - EMC Middle School Concert Band Festival** – On Thursday, March 12, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands will be traveling to Waverly for the 10<sup>th</sup> 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

**March 17 - Concert at EHS – 7:00 PM** - On Tuesday, March 17, 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. 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!)



**April 2 - EMC Middle School Jazz Band Festival** – On Thursday, April 2, the *Jazz Expos*, *State of Mind*, and *the Palolos* Jazz Bands will be traveling to ERMS for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Eastern Midlands Conference Middle School Jazz Band Festival. This event will take place after school into the evening. 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 a few parents to help chaperone this evening. Please contact Mr. Johnson by email ([cpjohnson@epsne.org](mailto:cpjohnson@epsne.org)) if you are interested. THANK YOU!!! J

**April 30 Concert** – On Thursday, April 30, at 7:00 PM, the Elkhorn Grandview Middle School Bands will give their final concert of the year. All the EGMS bands, including the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, *Jazz Expos*, *State of Mind*, and *Palolos* Jazz Bands, will be performing. As with all other performances, Dress for this and all other concerts is all black shoes, black socks, black pants, and their black EGMS Music Polo shirt (tucked in!). Students should arrive by 6:15 so we can begin warming up promptly at 6:30 PM. Please come support your student(s) in their final performance of the year. See you then!

**May 2 – EHS Night of Jazz** – On Saturday, May 2, Elkhorn High School will be hosting the sixteenth annual EHS Night of Jazz. The event will be held in the Elkhorn High School gymnasium and runs from 5:30-9:00 PM. All the jazz bands from EGMS, EMS, and EHS will be performing that night on a rotating basis. In addition to the playing of the bands, there will be a dance floor and concessions available. This event serves as a benefit for the Jazz Bands of EGMS, EMS, and EHS with all proceeds going toward purchasing jazz music for future performances. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and \$1 for all “kids” over 65. Please mark this date on your calendars, polish off those dancing shoes, and start those swing dance lessons right away! See you then!

**Elkhorn Summer Band Program** – Over the last several of years, our Summer Band Program has grown by leaps and bounds...so we are doing it again this year!!! J Our Elkhorn Summer Band Program will be held right here at EGMS on weekdays from June 2-18 and is offered to all current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade band students from Elkhorn (or who will be attending in the fall). Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade veterans of our Summer Program (as well as High School veterans!) are welcome to come back and assist!! The program will offer full concert band and jazz band rehearsals every day, as well as offering individual lessons to those current 7<sup>th</sup> graders who will be auditioning for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade All-State Band next year. For your planning, current 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be scheduled in the mornings. Current 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be scheduled in the afternoons. The program will culminate with a final concert on the morning of June 18 with yummy goodies afterward!! All 4 middle school directors from Elkhorn will be team teaching the entire experience. Best of all, the entire program is FREE!!! Handouts were available at Conferences and will be distributed to students as well. We strongly encourage any and every band student to sign up and participate in our Summer Band Program!! Please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Johnson at EGMS (289-9399) or by email if you have any questions. His email is [cpjohnson@epsne.org](mailto:cpjohnson@epsne.org). Thanks!

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## Counselor's Corner

Kyle Peterson, EGMS Counselor

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

**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Sheets**-All 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be getting their registration sheet for next year the first full week in March. Please mark elective choices, sign, and have your child return it to the teacher that gave it to them. All registration sheets should be turned in before spring break (March 14<sup>th</sup>). Please contact me with questions.

### **Meet Yukon! (EGMS Therapy Dog)**

Yukon is Mrs. Sumrell's (EGMS Band Teacher Assistant) own dog and serves as a support to EGMS students. Yukon was found running as a stray in Houston, TX and picked up by animal control there. He was 30 pounds underweight, heartworm positive, and very sick. He would not eat at the shelter and was labeled "failure to thrive". Taysia Blue Siberian Husky Rescue here in Omaha paid to have him driven up here to Omaha. He was approximately 4 years old at the time. Mrs. Sumrell's family fostered Yukon and helped him through the very difficult and painful heartworm treatments. They eventually adopted him. When Yukon had gained weight, was healthy, and heartworm free, Mrs. Sumrell took him to a basic obedience class at the humane society. He passed with flying colors and went on to take and pass his Canine Good Citizen class and get his CGC certificate. Yukon later attended "Love on a Leash" sessions where he had to pass ten supervised visits with three different supervisors in a variety of situations. He became a certified therapy dog in January of 2017. Since then, he has spent time at the Children's Respite Care Center, various retirement homes and is proud to call himself Elkhorn Grandview's Therapy dog. Yukon is a male malamute, approximately 8 years old, his favorite things are kids and belly rubs!

Yukon is at EGMS about an hour each week. If your child is struggling with something and you think some time with Yukon could be beneficial, please reach out to EGMS school counselor (Mr. Peterson).

**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. <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 your 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.

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### 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)

\*National Suicide Prevention Lifeline- <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

\*13 Minute Campaign for Suicide Prevention <http://www.13minutes.org/>

\*Arbor Family Counseling-402-330-0960 <http://arborfamilycounseling.com/>

Counselor's  
Corner

## Chorus News

Mrs. Schwahn

We are in the midst of a very busy season for the vocal music department at Grandview! Please make sure that all pertinent dates and times are on your calendars!

Any questions, please contact Mrs. Schwahn via email at [tschwahn@epsne.org](mailto:tschwahn@epsne.org).

### UPCOMING CONCERTS

**Monday, March 2 - 8-12 Vocal Concert @ EHS - 7:00 PM**

**(Our 8th grade combines with EMS and EHS Choirs)**

**Call time is 6:30 p.m. for performers**

**Tuesday, March 10 - 7th Grade Vocal Concert at EGMS (with Grand Marquee) - 7:00PM**

**Call time for performers is 6:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 17 - Recorder Concert @ EHS - 7:00 PM**

**(6th grade chorus, Grand Entrance and 5th grade recorders)**

### UNO HONOR CHOIR

Congratulations to these fine young musicians who attended the UNO Honor Choir on Friday, February 21st.

Rory Wright-Kent - Soprano

Emi Wesselman - Alto

Sharlan Skrupa - Soprano

Marielle Cruz - Alto

Kaitlyn Wagner - Soprano

Kallie Linquist - Alto

Emma Willcoxon - Soprano

Nolan McCormick - Tenor

Sammy Eckstrom - Tenor

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### GRAND MARQUEE SHOW CHOIR

The show choir season for Grand Marquee was a season of success and tremendous growth! We went to Millard South Stars on Stage, Elkhorn South Crystal Cup and Westside Middle School Battle of the Show Choirs!

We will take a break from rehearsals from March 3 - 19. We will rehearse on March 24 to get ready for our Elementary School Tour which is on March 26th.

The schedule for the Elementary School Tour is:

8:30 a.m. perform at Sagewood

10:15 a.m. perform at West Dodge Station

11:30 a.m. Lunch at Valentinos on Maple

1:00 p.m. perform at Manchester

Grand Marquee will take another break from rehearsals until May 5th, and will have one rehearsal to brush up for our final concert on May 7th.

### AUDITIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S GRAND MARQUEE SHOW CHOIR

Auditions for next year's Grand Marquee Show Choir will again be held in April or May of this year. I am looking at dates, but have not yet set an exact date. More news to follow.



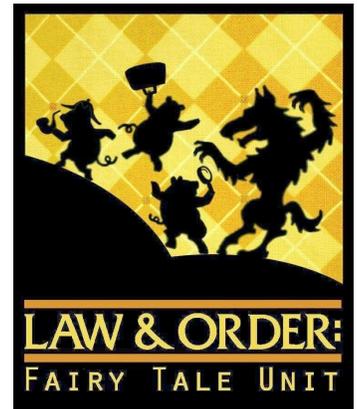

 SPRING

### Elkhorn Public Schools' 2nd Annual Community Resources Night

The Elkhorn Public Schools district would like to invite you to the 2nd Annual Community Resources Night. Navigating the world with a disability can be overwhelming. Although there are innumerable opportunities designed to build life skills and transition for persons with disabilities, information can be limited and access daunting. The Elkhorn Public Schools' Community Resources Night is intended to alleviate some of that pressure. This evening is intended to put families and students in touch with the faces of these programs and provide information for the multitude of services available to persons with disabilities in the metropolitan area. The event will run in the Elkhorn District Teacher Training Conference Center located at 20650 Glenn Street in Elkhorn, NE from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020. We look forward to seeing you there!

### EGMS School Play

Our school play this year is *Law and Order: Fairy Tale Unit* by Jonathan Rand. In the fairy tale criminal justice system, the characters from fairy tales and nursery rhymes are represented by two separate yet equally ridiculous groups: the fairy tale police who investigate fairy tale crime, and the fairy tale district attorneys who prosecute the fairy tale offenders. These are their stories. Come and see the proceedings on **Friday, March 13th at 7PM** and **Saturday, March 14th at 2PM**.



### Back to School 101 for 2020-2021

The format of Back-to-School 101 will change for next year. It will not be the way you have experienced in the past requiring you to come to EGMS to complete registration tasks. You will be completing registration on-line through Power School, athletic registration through rSchool, and taking care of other items on-line as well. Please look for further information over the next few months communicated via e-mail and on our website.



# March 2020

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 EGMS 8th Choir Concert w/EHS & EMS Choirs 7:00 pm at EHS  District External Visit	3 7/8 WR Δ @ Gretna 4:00 pm  Booster Club Meeting 6:30 pm District External Visit	4 8th Graders to EHS for Registration 5 or 7 pm  District External Visit	5 7/8 WR Quad @ Blair 4:15 pm	6	7 WR @ Norris Invite 9:30 am
8	9	10 7/8 WR Δ @ Platteview 4:15 pm  7th Grade Vocal Concert 7 pm	11 PRIDE AWARDS	12 7/8 Band at EMC Band Festival @ Waverly MS	13  MS PLAY 7 pm	14 MS PLAY 2 pm
15	16  School Board Meeting 6:30 pm	17 6th Band/6th Choir/ Jazz Band/Show Choir Concert w/5th Grade Recorders 7:00 pm at EHS 7/8 Track Meeting 3:20 - 3:45 pm	18 End of Third Quarter	19 SPRING BREAK  NO SCHOOL	20 SPRING BREAK  NO SCHOOL	21
22	23 Teacher In-Service  NO SCHOOL	24 SCHOOL RESUMES  Track Practice -Girls Only 3:30-5:00 pm	25  Track Practice - Boys Only 3:30-5:00 pm	26 EGMS Show Choir/Jazz Band Elementary Tour Track Practice - Boys & Girls 3:30- 5:00 pm Track Parent Meet- ing 5:00-5:30 pm	27	28 Blair Middle School Honor Band
29	30	31				

# **SCHOOL SPIRIT. CAN YOU TASTE IT?**

Join us **Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the  
**171<sup>st</sup> & Maple Runza<sup>®</sup>.**

**15% of sales**  
from 5 - 8 pm will be donated to  
**GrandView Middle School.**

Invite your family, friends, co-workers & neighbors  
to dine-in, carry-out or drive-thru!



**171<sup>st</sup> & Maple**

# SAVE THE DATES



Important Registration Information from Elkhorn High School Counselors

## Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Current list of 9<sup>th</sup> grade selected classes will be given to all Middle School Students**

High school counselors went to the middle schools to distribute 9<sup>th</sup> grade registration materials in September. It was done much earlier this year in order to prepare for the opening of a third high school. Students received a copy of their registration sheet outlining courses offered to prospective ninth graders and specific course recommendations. Recommendations were based upon advice from high school administration, teachers, counselors, and test scores. Students selected what classes they would like for their electives, and then met one on one with a counselor to discuss their choices. **The list of classes that students are currently registered for will be sent home on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, with the opportunity for electives to be changed.** Students will also receive a copy of the curriculum guide. This guide includes information on curriculum, academic planning, and activities. Additionally, students will receive contracts that explain summer PE and summer Personal Finance online options.

Parents are encouraged to discuss the 9<sup>th</sup> grade course recommendations and elective courses with their 8<sup>th</sup> grader before March 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

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

**Please bring the registration sheet**

Parents and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to Elkhorn High School on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm or 7:00 pm. Please come to whichever time works best for your family. 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. An Open House will be held at both high schools in the fall of 2020 for student tours.

Interested in EHS music offerings?

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

Jazz Band 2	6:20 – 6:35
JV Show Choir	6:40 – 6:55

# Elkhorn High and Elkhorn North Cheer and Dance Tryout Info Meeting

Monday March 9th

6:00 PM

EHS Lecture Hall

Parent attendance required for any cheerleader/dancer interested in trying out for either EHS or ENHS Cheer or Dance Teams

All incoming Freshman-Juniors for the 2020-2021 School Year welcome Tryouts for cheer and dance will be held together but we will be selecting separate teams for EHS and ENHS

**Dance Tryouts: March 24-March 27**

**Cheer Tryouts: March 30-April 3rd**

For questions over Dance Team email [alamb@epsne.org](mailto:alamb@epsne.org) or [kmitteis@epsne.org](mailto:kmitteis@epsne.org)  
Cheer questions: [abonk@epsne.org](mailto:abonk@epsne.org) or [sboyle@epsne.org](mailto:sboyle@epsne.org)



# District Reminders

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## Summer Enrichment Program

EPS will again host a Summer Enrichment Program, available to students in grades 1-12 for the 2020-2021 school year. The Summer Enrichment Program will be offered in three separate week-long sessions which includes June 1-5, June 8-12, and June 15-19. Course options, schedules, and registration information for the Summer Enrichment Program can be found at <https://www.elkhornweb.org/programs/se/>.

## TeamMates of Elkhorn Seeking Mentors

TeamMates of Elkhorn is currently seeking mentors for students in grades 3-12 interested in participating in the program. If you or someone you know is looking to make a difference in the life of an EPS student by meeting with a student once per week throughout the school year, please apply online at <http://bit.ly/2vNtESK> or contact Kara Perchal at [kperchal@epsne.org](mailto:kperchal@epsne.org).

## Tech Savvy Parent Tip - Social Media Checklist

Safer Schools Together recently published the below checklist for parents whose students utilize social media as a conversation starter and tool for on-going checking-ins.

- Have a central charging station to keep devices out of bedrooms
- Set up any social accounts with your child to ensure appropriate privacy settings
- Know passwords to all accounts
- Regularly check privacy settings, as app updates can change them frequently
- Discuss strategies of what to do if someone they don't know approaches them online
- Talk to your child about what platforms are popular and why - take a keen interest to help with open dialogue
- Discuss positive and negative uses of social media
- Be mindful of and know what VAULT apps look like
- Remind youth of the permanence and public nature of all things shared electronically
- Ensure location services are turned off for camera and social apps
- Set up and utilize Find my iPhone or Android Device Manager
- Encourage youth to create a positive digital footprint as they grow older by utilizing social media platforms appropriately

*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.*

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# SUMMER ENRICHMENT

*INSPIRE. ENRICH. EXPAND.*

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EPS will once again offer a Summer Enrichment Program featuring inspiring courses designed to expand student experiences and enrich summer learning. Courses are created and taught by EPS certified staff members and incoming EPS students in grades 1-12 (2020-2021 school year) are eligible to participate. Sessions will be held at Westridge Elementary and Elkhorn Middle School.

## *Session Dates*

*Weekly sessions are separate and should be registered for individually.*

June 1-5

June 8-12

June 15-19

## *Registration*

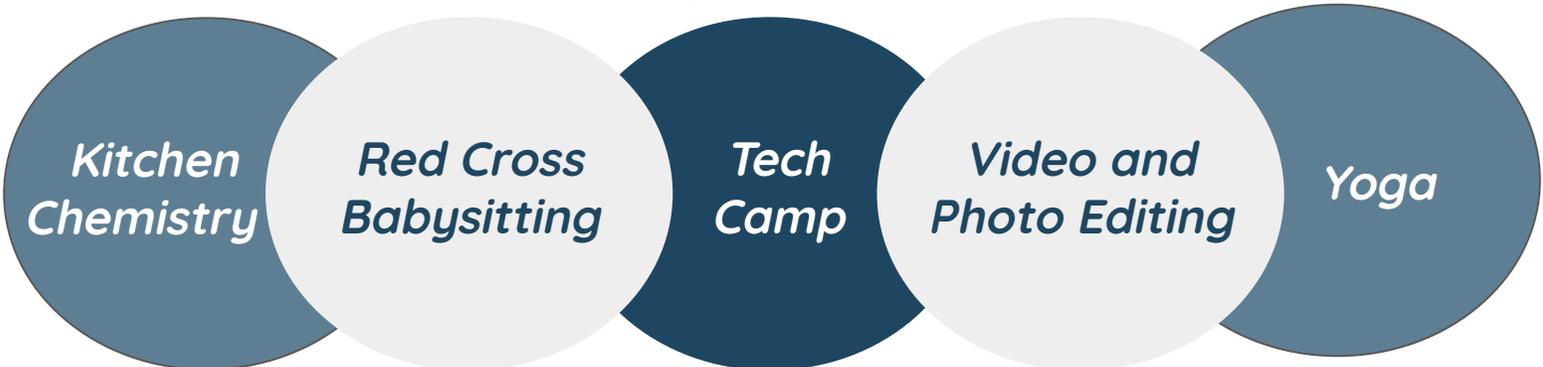
Registration will open on February 10th, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Course review and registration will take place online at

[www.elkhornweb.org/programs/se](http://www.elkhornweb.org/programs/se)

## *Course Categories include:*

*Check out the next page for a full list of courses offered.*



*Kitchen  
Chemistry*

*Red Cross  
Babysitting*

*Tech  
Camp*

*Video and  
Photo Editing*

*Yoga*

# *2020 Summer Courses*

Sign Language Basics  
Intro to Advanced Placement Skills  
Technology for 21st Century Learners  
Geographic Science and Technology  
Exploring Anthropology: Food and Culture  
Exploring Anthropology Part 2: Cyberculture  
Independent Living and Transition  
Jump Into Biomechanics  
STEM Camp  
Kitchen Chemistry  
Creativity Through Improv  
Harry Potter STEM Camp  
Mystery Alive  
Full STEAM Ahead  
Slime Time  
Get Your Dance On  
PhotoShop Fun  
That's Debatable  
Ready Set Race  
Video Editing with Premiere Pro  
Yoga and Mindfulness  
PhotoShop Animation  
TECH Camp  
Get Beady: Jewelry Making  
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MARCH 26-28 AT 7 PM  
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