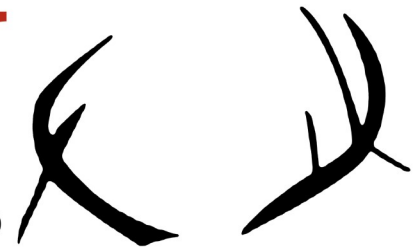


ELKHORN ANTLERS



Elkhorn High School
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February Newsletter 2019

From the Principal..... Dan Radicia

MAKE UP SNOW DAYS– Thursday, May 23 & Friday May 24 (Please look at family calendar and adjust)

May 23 and May 24 will be Final Testing days at EHS; therefore, attendance is important to take the tests on these days.

Due to the snow days on January 18 and January 22, EHS will have a school day on Thursday, May 23 and Friday, May 24.

Elkhorn Public Schools Achieves with Advanced Placement Honors:



Elkhorn High School's academic achievement scores are consistently strong relative to national and state indicators. In the past, I have recognized our testing scores and believe it is the hard work of our students, teachers and parents. I look for areas of improvements by analyzing our data in terms of relative weakness and trend data over a period of time. The restlessness of data analysis indicates there is always room for improvement. Therefore, I report with humility that this is a BIG DEAL. When a school opens the access for students to enroll in AP coursework, the culture of taking rigorous coursework while in high school brings on other challenges. In order to be selected on the AP Honor Roll, a school has to increase AP tests takers and increase a larger percent of students passing the exam with a 3. If you think about this concept, the more students one allows to take the course/test, theoretically, our scores should decrease rather than increase. Some schools place a barrier to enrollment into AP coursework with a norm-referenced scores in the 90th percentile, while EHS believes if a student wants to take an AP class, the student is enrolled and encouraged to take the test regardless if his/her national percentile achievement score is in the 60-70th percentiles. If more students are taking a college level courses while in high school and have success on the national tests, it is a celebration of the work that child has completed. We should be proud of our students.

Elkhorn High School is very proud of our college-prep focus and we value and celebrate the efforts of our dedicated staff and students involved in AP coursework. Elkhorn Public Schools was named as one of only two school districts in the state to be part of the 9th Annual Advanced Placement Honor Roll. Nationwide, EPS was among 447 school districts in the U.S. (being honored by the College Board with placement on the AP[®] District Honor Roll for simultaneously increasing access to Advanced Placement[®] course work while increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. Achieving both of these goals is the ideal scenario for a district's AP program because it indicates that the district is successfully preparing students for college coursework. AP coursework prepares students for the rigor of college as the College Board creates the curriculum.

With the high percentage of EHS students attending a post-secondary institution, we believe that AP coursework prepares our students for the rigors of post secondary institutions. We appreciate our parents support in pushing their students to enroll in our AP coursework. It makes a difference to our students' success once they are in college.



Please contact your student's guidance counselor if you have questions about enrolling in AP courses here at Elkhorn High School. <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/awards/district-honor-roll>

AP Students are recognized at Graduation through the [Elkhorn Public School Foundation's ACHIEVE Scholarship Program](#)

Parent -Teacher Conferences and Registration for 2019-2020 courses

I would like to invite all EHS parents to our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, February 13, and Thursday, February 14, from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Please note that we will be dismissing students one hour early on both days. EHS dismissal times for February 13 and February 14 will be at 2:20 p.m.

During the nights of the February Parent/Teacher Conferences, we are adding an informational registration presentation so that parents can understand and SIGN the course registration sheet for the next school year. This presentation will be offered both nights at 6:00 p.m. The presentation will be held in the EHS Auditorium. Parents will still be able to meet individually with teachers before and after the presentation for parent/teacher conferences. Counselors will also be available to answer questions.

11th grade registration for senior year coursework is very important because the counselors complete a credit audit to make sure both students and parents understand credit deficiency and what is needed for graduation requirements. Juniors will still meet one-on-one with their counselor in January or February to discuss the junior audit. The junior audit covers credits needed for graduation, a discussion on possible majors and colleges of interest to the student, and the selection of classes for senior year. The audit and senior registration will be mailed home a week prior to conferences.

Parents are asked to finalize their student's course selections at parent/teacher conferences.

Juniors Received Practice ACT Results:

In order to prepare for the Statewide ACT testing on April 3, 2019. Your 11th grade student received the following information :

[PRACTICE ACT SCORE REPORT](#)

[UNDERSTANDING YOUR SCORE SHEET](#)

The ACT is important for their future stories and we have an obligation as their high school to do whatever it takes to help them be successful on the test. ACT scores open doors to colleges, scholarship and opportunities.

The first obligation, which we fulfill daily, is providing a rigorous, relevant core curriculum. Research is clear that challenging, college-prep curriculum is the #1 indicator of college success and the best way to prepare for the ACT. However, test prep classes cannot replace what students do a daily basis at EHS. Ideally, all of our Juniors will use both approaches to achieve the highest scores possible.

I challenged the Juniors to prioritize their time over the next 80 days to include ACT prep, especially in subtests that are under benchmark scores. A benchmark score is the minimum score needed on the ACT subject area test to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college course.

Please discuss the practice score report and ACT prep with your Junior student in the coming days. I appreciate your support and encouragement. Your engagement in this process will help your students further see the importance.

Positive Behaviors that Impact Academic Success:

Our EHS students are achieving success in the classroom and in their extra-curricular activities. In order to be successful in high school balancing the rigors of coursework and excelling with their talents, our students must remember that persistence to push beyond is the difference between mediocrity and exceptional.



The beginning of the second semester was an opportunity to improve for students who were disappointed in their first semester achievement marks. Feelings of regrets and missed opportunities for higher grades are natural during this period because students have learned more about their teachers' instructional and assessment practices.

Now is the time for parents to frame optimistic conversations with a plan for improvement. More directional approaches may help direct your student to have a conversation with his/her teacher. Make staying after school or arriving before school- not an option but part of the new plan of study. Hold students accountable on Friday, rather than Sunday night for missing or late homework assignments. I would encourage our parents to log into PowerSchool and have conversations about goals and improving performance.

Focus on BEHAVIORS. Study habits can be shaped to include routines for meeting with teachers before and after school, attending the after school academy until 4:30 pm, turning off all nuisance items that would prohibit total concentration of efforts during study hours at home, developing study groups outside of the school day, creating vocabulary cards or drills to help students remember key concepts, balanced diet, exercise and plenty of rest. We can and should learn from our past practices, while striving to improve ourselves. Every student should utilize his/her agenda and write down when assignments and assessments are due. Organizing and verifying upcoming assignments is a skill that parents can help students with throughout the week. Instead of —Do you have homework tonight?! Try asking your student to show you —What assignments do you need to work on in order to be successful tomorrow and later in the week?

Students need Routine and Balance:

Students who are engaged in multiple activities need balance in their lives. They will learn how to schedule events and manage time in order to be successful. During these winter months, it is important to stay healthy by taking extra precautions with hand washing, being careful not to spread germs, and getting rest. At times, it will be paramount for parents to say —No. When students want to “hang out every evening,” or constantly on the go, it might be time to balance their lives and activities for them. Research states that students should not work more than 15 hours a week because it negatively impacts their studies.

Honors Convocation:

Today, Friday, February 1, EHS recognized 640 students with a GPA of 3.25 or higher during an honors assembly where students will receive an Elkhorn Excellence t-shirt, an academic certificate and ice cream for dessert at lunch.

Dress Warm, it is Cold:

Please encourage your students to dress appropriately by calibrating outside temperatures with layered clothing and coats. High school students need to think about what would happen if they were stranded outside as they leave for school.

Please encourage your student to leave early, drive responsibly in the parking lot and on the roads.

Please see schedule below for important spring dates:

Spring Break 3/18 - 3/22; **State ACT and Pre-ACT at EHS 4/3/2019**; Prom 4/6; ACT National Testing Day at EHS 4/14.

I send these dates out as far in advance as possible in order to have your assistance in ensuring that all Juniors are present at school these days. Please do your best to plan vacations, trips, and the like during Spring Break (March 18 -22). As we get closer to the ACT dates, I will send emails with full details. The administration and counselors work to ensure that loss of instructional time to all students is minimized during these assessments.

Dan Radicia

EHS has a Twitter & a Facebook account.

The social media accounts are the only "official" EHS accounts and will post updates on student learning, community involvement, and student engagement.

Follow us on Twitter [@ElkhornPS_EHS](#) and like us on Facebook at ElkhornPSEHS .


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Senior Reminders

Scholarship Information: Check Naviance regularly for scholarship updates. Individual colleges are the source of the most scholarship dollars, so apply early and meet with the Office of Financial Aid on your college visits to ask specific questions unique to your student and your family.

Please save all of your scholarship award letters. Copies will be collected in April in order to list scholarships in the graduation program.

College Entrance Testing For Juniors

A common question from junior parents this time of year centers around when juniors should take the ACT. Most students test twice - once junior year and once senior year. All juniors will take the ACT on April 3, 2018 at EHS. They will register at EHS for this test.

ACT spring test dates are: Feb. 10, April 14, and June 9. Register online at www.actstudent.org. Registration deadlines are approximately one month prior to the test date and are found at ACT's website.

SAT spring test dates are: March 10, May 5 and June 2. Register online at sat.collegeboard.org. Registration deadlines are approximately one month prior to the test date and are found on the registration website.

NOTE:

***Students with disabilities might possibly receive test accommodations. See your counselor for information.

***Fee waivers are available to students on Free/Reduced Lunch. See your counselor for information.

Important note about score reporting:

It is the student's responsibility to submit test scores to their college of choice. Upon registration for the test, students can select up to 4 colleges to receive their test scores. To avoid paying to send your scores at a later date, please ensure that you have selected 4 colleges of your choice at the time of registration.

TEST PREP RESOURCES

Full length practice tests can be picked up in the Counseling Center. Visit the Counseling Center website or see your counselor for more information on test prep resources and classes. Test prep is also available through Naviance.

Junior News — TIME TO START COLLEGE PLANNING!

College Rep Visits: Juniors are encouraged to meet with the various college and military representatives visiting EHS. Students must register online through their Naviance account at least 1 day prior to the visit. Students will be excused from class but must make up all missing work.

"Junior Days": Many colleges host visits geared to juniors in the spring semester. These days are an excellent time for juniors and parents to begin the college visit process. Check college websites or contact admissions offices at schools for more information.

Visits: Before going to a college campus visit students must stop in the Counseling Center to pick up a form for parents to sign and return before the day of the visit.

(2 free college visits — doesn't count against attendance)



AP TESTING INFORMATION:

In the next few weeks, students in AP classes will receive information regarding AP exam registration. Each AP class has an AP exam that will take place during the school day May 6-17, 2019. These AP tests are optional but highly encouraged. If the student earns a qualifying score on the AP exam, their university may award them college credit. The registration deadline for all AP tests is March 1, 2019. Please contact the counseling center with questions.

Be wary of scholarship scams! [No students should have to pay for scholarship or financial aid services.](#)

Contact the Better Business Bureau at <http://lookup.bbb.org/> regarding questionable companies. Educationquest is a reputable website with free local and national scholarship resources. Visit the website for more information. www.educationquest.org

Scholarships are also available on Naviance:

<http://connection.naviance.com/ehsne>: Students use their EHS computer logins to access NAVIANCE (except do not capitalize the eps)

EducationQuest tools will help families through the FAFSA process.

As you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, please be aware of the **free** resources EducationQuest (with an office located in Omaha) has available to help you through the process. These resources are available in the "[FAFSA Tools](#)" section at

[EducationQuest.org](http://www.educationquest.org):

"FAFSA Demo" provides an overview of the FAFSA form.

"FAFSA Made Easy" video demonstrates that the FAFSA isn't as difficult as it seems.

"FAFSA Checklist" provides a list of items to gather before completing the FAFSA.

"FAFSA Tutorial" explains each FAFSA question.

The FAFSA includes an IRS Data Retrieval Process that allows online FAFSA filers to pull specific tax return data directly from the Internal Revenue Service.

Explore A Career!

The Omaha Exploring program is an awesome opportunity for 9-12 grade high school students to learn more about a particular career field. Activities are starting, so register now! To find out how the program works, go to www.omahaexploring.org or stop in the Counseling Center for more information.

Grades not where you want them?

8th hour study hall is available for all students Monday - Thursday from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., in the library.

Eighth hour is staffed by a teacher and student tutors are available. Students can use this time for homework completion, makeup tests, group projects, research, etc. *Come check it out!*

EHS Tutoring Program is peer-tutoring and is available for students struggling in classes. Students can sign up in the Counseling Center.



2019-2020 PLANNING

REGISTRATION PROCESS DURING PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

FEBRUARY 13 & 14, 2019

GRADES 9-11

***During the February Parent/Teacher Conferences, there is an **OPTIONAL** informational curriculum presentation so that parents can learn more about EHS curriculum. This presentation will be offered both nights at 6:00 p.m., in the EHS Lecture Hall. It will be the same presentation that was given last year at the February Parent/Teacher Conferences.

***Parents can also visit the EHS Counseling Center website to access the 2019-20 CURRICULUM GUIDE which contains information on academic planning and course descriptions.

***Parents will receive a copy of their student's registration sheet when the report card is picked up.

***Parents will be asked to sign and return their student's registration sheet that evening.

Parents will still be able to meet individually with teachers before and after the presentation for parent/teacher conferences. Counselors will also be available to answer questions.

Academic 4-Year Planning:

In January, the counselors presented curriculum options to all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students to help them develop 4-year plans. Emphasis was placed on course registrations for the next school year. A copy of this plan was mailed home in January so parents could discuss with their students. Students can make additional changes to course requests on February 4th-7th in the counseling center.

Registration for next school year will be finalized by parents at Parent/Teacher conferences on February 13th and 14th.

Registration for 9th grade:

February 20:

High School Counselors discuss registration with 8th graders at EMS & EGMS.

February 27:

8th Grade Registration/Parent Night, 5:00 p.m. OR 7:00 p.m. EHS Auditorium

All EMS & EGMS 8th graders and their parents are invited to Elkhorn High School on February 27th at either 5:00 p.m. OR 7:00 p.m.

Parents will pick up registration materials at the door and then proceed to the auditorium. At that time, counselors will present an 8th grade orientation and curriculum PowerPoint. After the presentation, parents will be asked to complete course selections and sign the registration form to verify course selections. Forms will be collected at the end of the evening and registration will be complete.



FROM THE DESK OF THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR- Mark King

Spring Sports Parent Meeting

Thursday, February 21st beginning at 6:30 pm in the auditorium.

Where to find the Athletics/Activities information

Please go to www.easternmidconference.org for all the 7th – 12th grade schedules, dates, sites, and even driving directions! This is the website we use to update ALL of the middle school and high school athletics and activities schedules. Game changes, game updates, game times, are all updated HERE!

Visit our official online store to buy some awesome Antler Gear at:

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/nebraska/elkhorn/elkhorn-high-school>

At Elkhorn High School we have a high standard for SPORTSMANSHIP

SPORTSMANSHIP REMINDERS

Acceptable Behavior

- Applaud both teams
- Athletes help each other off the floor
- Accepting the decision of the officials
- Handshakes before and after games
- Encourage those around to display sportsmanlike Behavior

Unacceptable Behavior

- Derogatory yells, chants, songs or gestures
- Fans being disrespectful to opponents
- Booing or heckling an official’s decision
- Refusing to shake hands or give recognition
- Doing anything negative to detract from the contest

Important Upcoming Dates

State Wrestling: Thursday, Feb. 14th – Saturday, Feb. 16th

Girls Basketball Sub-District: Monday, Feb. 11th, Tuesday, Feb. 12th,

Girls Basketball District Finals: Saturday, Feb. 16th

State Diving: Thursday, Feb. 21st

State Swimming: Friday, Feb. 22nd, Saturday, Feb. 23rd

Boys Basketball Sub-District: Monday, Feb. 18th, Tuesday, Feb. 19th

Boys Basketball District Finals: Saturday, Feb. 23rd

1st Day of Spring Sports: Monday, Feb. 25th

State Girls Basketball: Thursday, Feb. 28th– Saturday, Mar. 2nd

State Boys Basketball: Thursday, Mar. 7th – Saturday, Mar 9th

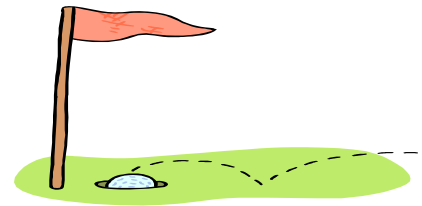
Important Paperwork

With spring sports fast approaching make sure physical forms (Blue), activity contract (Red), and activity fee (\$35) are on file in the AD’s office! **Please note: A student/athlete is not allowed to practice until all 3 are turned in.**



BOYS GOLF

The high school boys' golf season begins on Monday, February 25, 2019. Elkhorn High School students interested in playing golf are invited to attend an informational meeting on **Wednesday, February 13th from 2:30-3:00 p.m. in Room E209 of Elkhorn High School.** Players who are currently participating in a winter sport and unable to attend the meeting should sign up online using the team website and contact Coach Schutte by email at tschutte@epsne.org. For more information about the tryout process and to sign up for the golf team please visit the team website by clicking on the scan icon.



Cheer & Dance Team

There will be a parent information meeting on Monday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m., in the Lecture Hall for anyone interested in trying out for Cheerleading or Dance Team for next year.

Cheer tryouts will be the week of March 25th and Dance Tryouts will be the week of April 1st.

~ Further details will follow in next month's newsletter ~

Band News

On February 16th, 35 soloists and small instrumental groups from EHS will be competing at the Elkhorn Band Olympics at Elkhorn South. This event is especially for freshmen and sophomore students, and is a chance for them to push themselves with challenging music and a public performance on their own. Friends & Family are welcome to come watch, admission is \$2.00

Additionally, please join the Elkhorn High School bands along with the 8th grade bands from EMS and Grandview on Monday, February 18th for a combined concert! The night promises great music from a large number of students, and admission is free. 7:00 p.m., in the EHS auditorium.

YEARBOOK CORNER

YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION WILL BE ~ Wednesday, MAY 8.

ONLY students who have pre-ordered books by the cutoff of February 15, will be able to pick up a book on that day. Any others who waited to order will be put on a waiting list. Waiting list books will be available no later than Monday, May 13. *Not everyone on the waiting list is guaranteed a book.*

The on-line sales end on February 1, but you can still bring a check to school or have your child bring it to C-208 by Thursday, February 14 and will be on the pre-ordered list.

Thank You.



EHS HALE HAPPENINGS

HALE is Elkhorn Public Schools' High Ability Learner Education. Visit the HALE Activity link from the Elkhorn High School website to learn more about services and to keep track of upcoming opportunities via the online HALE calendar.

NAG Conference -The Nebraska Association for the Gifted is hosting its annual spring conference, "Growing Gifted Learners" on February 21-22 at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in the Old Market – parents are welcome. See <http://www.negifted.org> for more information.

Quiz Bowl -The Elkhorn Quiz Bowl was held at Elkhorn South on December 15 in which 32 teams competed. The Advanced team of Mia Giandinoto, Trinity Thompson, Arich Fruehling and Duncan McKee won 3rd place. The Novice team of Torin O'Rourke, Jake Rance, Joseph Seibel and Will Ford won first place! Their next quiz bowl is at Norris on February 9th.

Robotics -The robotics teams are continually fine-tuning their robots to compete in upcoming competitions. In the high school divisions, they competed against 65 teams at Benson (Jan. 11-12) and against 32 teams at Gross (Jan. 19). The EHS robots did very well at Gross: the *Builders of Betsy alliance* finished second, the *Nerdfighters alliance* finished in the semi-finals, and the *Antler Powered alliance* finished in the quarter-finals. Their next competition is at Mount Michael on February 9th.

American Mathematics Competition -The American Mathematics Competition (AMC) is the first in a series of examinations to qualify for the American Invitational Examination, the USA Mathematical Olympiad, and the International Mathematical Olympiad. It is a 75-minute, multiple-choice test proctored at EHS on February 7th and 13th. Honors and AP math students were invited to participate. See Mrs. Johnson for practice tests to prepare for the AMC. For more information visit <http://www.maa.org/math-competitions/amc-1012>

Summer Opportunities

Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science -Summer workshop for rising juniors and seniors - March 29 application deadline. <https://raikes.unl.edu/summerworkshops>

PKI Holland Academy -Holland Academy of Excellence - This unique summer program was established as an initiative to actively engage high school students who excel in math and science, and who have an interest in engineering and technology. May 1 application deadline. <https://pki.nebraska.edu/new/pages/outreach/holland-academy-of-excellence/>

Upcoming Events

February 5- U.S.A. Biology Olympiad

February 9 - Robotics Competition at Mount Michael

February 7 & 13 – American Mathematics Competition

February 9 - Norris Quiz Bowl

February 13 – Parent Teacher Conferences, Mrs. Johnson's times are 7:15-9:00

February 14 – Parent Teacher Conferences, Mrs. Johnson's times are 5:00-7:00

February 21 & 22 – NAG Conference

February 27- TEAM+S (engineering) Competition at UNL

March 1 - Bellevue University Quiz Bowl

March 1 & 2 - Robotics State/Regionals



EHS ATTENDANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Office Hours Monday ~ Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

402.289.4239

Counseling Center, option 2

Activities Office, option 3

EPS DISTRICT OFFICE

402.289.2579

EPS Staff Directories and Email Addresses

Parents - as a reminder, please always double check the email address of any staff member you are attempting to contact, as some email addresses include a number in them.

If you are not sure of the correct address, you can find all addresses and email all staff members directly by clicking their name on the following "Staff Listing" page on our website: [Elkhorn High School](#)

LOST & FOUND

We have tubs of lost & found items, located in the main office near Mrs. Pruse's desk. Please encourage your student to come look through the lost & found if they have indeed lost anything. We will also have all items out on a table at Parent/Teacher Conferences.

All unclaimed items will be donated.

ATTENDANCE POLICY REMINDERS

Students that arrive to school after the 8:10 a.m. bell and sign in before 8:25 a.m. will be counted as tardy.

Students signing in after 8:25 will be counted absent for 1st period. All students must be excused verbally by a parent or guardian. Students that are absent for professional appointments must provide documentation from the appointment in order to have the tardy excused.

****ATTENTION SENIORS****

For those that have not yet ordered a cap & gown for graduation, please do so ASAP.

Please go directly to Jostens/School Traditions to place your order. They are located at 12100 West Center Rd. (behind Nobbies).

Thank you for your prompt attention.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION – EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Elkhorn Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, national origin, marital status, age, disability or any other basis prohibited by state and federal law in admission or access to, or treatment of, or employment in, its programs and activities.

It is the intent of the Elkhorn Public Schools to comply with both the letter and spirit of the law in making certain discrimination does not exit in its policies, regulations, operations or employment practices. Grievance procedures have been established for anyone who feels discrimination has been shown by Elkhorn Public Schools. These procedures can be obtained by the Assistant Superintendent.

Inquiries concerning the application of the Elkhorn Public Schools' policy of nondiscrimination should be directed to the Assistant Superintendent, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn NE 68022, (402) 289-2579.



District Reminders

SchoolMessenger Alerts

Both the EPS District and each individual building regularly use a parent messaging system called SchoolMessenger to send emails and phone calls to parents, including monthly information about building happenings, as well as school closings.

If you did not receive a phone call and an email regarding our most recent School Cancellations, please reach out to your building secretary.

SchoolMessenger also allows recipients the option to "unsubscribe" from its mailing list; please understand that by "unsubscribing" you are completely removing your email address from ALL lists, including both District and building specific emails.

If you have previously unsubscribed and would like to begin receiving emails again, please let your building secretary know.

Digital Calendars

As a reminder, all EPS activity and event information can be found by visiting www.elkhornweb.org and choosing the "Calendar" tab in the header. From there, click the building whose activities you are wanting to view.

Additionally, download the rSchool: Activity Scheduler app for easy mobile access to middle school and high school activities and events.

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.

FIND US ON





Elkhorn Public Schools FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE
FEBRUARY 1ST!

ATTENTION SENIORS:

Scholarship applications are due

FEBRUARY 1 at 6PM!

Last year the Foundation awarded over \$264,000 in scholarships. Please visit our website for a listing of scholarships available to 2019 graduates.

www.elkhornfoundation.org/scholarships



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

www.elkhornfoundation.org/ekc/ekc-application/

Email your completed application to awhorlow@elkhornfoundation.org

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS:

The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation offers the opportunity to help build brighter futures... brick by brick. Purchase a brick to honor someone (or something) special while helping the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation further its mission of

encouraging, supporting and recognizing excellence in education, quality school programs and civic involvement. For \$75 you'll receive a brick that will be engraved to honor a person, place or event... anyone or anything that's important to you. Find out more info here:

www.elkhornfoundation.org/programs/brick-pavilions/



7TH ANNUAL



Bids 4 Kids

April 4th • 6-9PM • Elkhorn Alumni Center

SHOP • EAT • MINGLE • SUPPORT

BENEFITING BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL
MATH & READING INTERVENTION PROGRAMS



Did
You
know?

93,000

The amount the Foundation funded in the 2017/2018 school year for this growing program

500

The number of elementary students anticipated to participate in our Math & Reading Intervention program this school year

3,150

The number of hours spent on additional instruction time to increase student's test scores, boost student's confidence and improve overall reading and math comprehension

WITH YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, THE FOUNDATION CAN CONTINUE TO FUND THIS GROWING VITAL PROGRAM THAT IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN STUDENTS' TEST SCORES AND CONFIDENCE! WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER TO HELP OUR EFFORTS:

- DONATING AN AUCTION ITEM, GIFT CARD OR BASKET •
- BECOMING A SPONSOR OF OUR EVENT •
- OFFERING A MONETARY DONATION TO BE USED TOWARDS THE EVENT •

Please contact Stacey Selk at 402-289-1727 or sselk@elkhornfoundation.org for more information.

WWW.ELKHORNFUNDATION.ORG/BIDS-4-KIDS

Career Awareness Program

Elkhorn Public Schools ~ February 2019

February's Eat with an Expert - Register Now!

Elkhorn High
NURSING
Tuesday, February 5th

EHS Students:
Click here to register!



Elkhorn South
SPORTS MEDICINE TRAINING
Thursday, February 7th

ESHS Students:
Click here to register!

Best Careers for the Future: 51 Jobs for 2020 and Way Beyond!

What are the best careers for the future? How will everything change? Is it possible to prepare for the jobs of tomorrow—today? Many of us would love to have definitive answers for these questions. But, of course, nobody can say for sure what the future holds. The best we can do is make educated guesses based on past and current trends. Still, even educated guesses can help us imagine some pretty astonishing possibilities... (Click here to continue.)



12 Savvy Ways to Pay Less for College

Expert financial aid tips from the author of the book *Paying for College Without Going Broke* (Click here to access.)



What Employers Want From Their Employees

Social and emotional skills like perspective-taking, collaboration, and adaptive thinking have long been considered “soft skills:” aspects of personality or character that cannot be taught or learned in a traditional sense. However, as business environments become more complex, these so-called “soft-skills” are the cold hard criteria employers use to determine their new hires!

What Employers Want from Their Employees

Willingness to learn
Enthusiastic, knowledge-hungry learner. Eager to meet challenges.

Self-esteem, motivation, and goal setting
Sets targets and achieves them. Highly motivated self-starter who takes initiative.

Basic academic skills in reading, writing, and computation
Performs foundational skills.

Career development skills
Understands personal strengths. Assesses skills needed for improvement.

Creative thinking and problem solving
Solves problems through innovation. Generates workable solutions.

Interpersonal and teamwork skills
Works well with others. Communicates effectively and positively.

Good communication skills
Listens and communicates effectively. Conveys information accurately, respectfully, and succinctly in verbal and written communications.

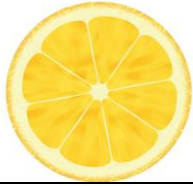
Organizational effectiveness and leadership
Confidently motivates, mobilizes, and coaches others.

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WOMENADE CLOTHING DRIVE

*Community Clothing drive
benefiting Elkhorn Families*

It's time to clean out our closets and get rid of those unwanted clothes!

Womenade of Elkhorn is once again sponsoring a **Clothing Drive for Elkhorn families in need** and we can sure use your help!

Drop off your gently used clothing items to your school between Monday, March 11th and Thursday, March 14th 2019. Due to limited storage and volunteer organizers, please drop off your items only on these dates.

Items will be hung on racks and sorted by size giving families a true shopping experience. Everything is donated from the clothes, racks, hangers, facility, marketing, and volunteer labor. That's right . . . it costs "0" dollars.

Families in need will then be invited to come and shop for FREE on March 23rd at the Elkhorn Teacher Training Center! They will get the first pick in the morning and then the facility will be open to the general public in the afternoon. All remaining items will be donated to other charities.

This is an amazing opportunity for Elkhorn families to help other Elkhorn families. We are happy to report that all of our elementary, middle, and high schools are participating.

If you or your children would like to help, please go to the following Signup Genius:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084fafaf2ea02-womenade1>

Please contact Theresa Johnson at mommatathome@cox.net or at 402-290-9293 with any questions.



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It is time to start thinking about this year's book of memories! For the sixth year in a row, we are offering an easy way for parents and students to purchase yearbooks--online. **Go to the listed website, type in the school name under "select your school," and the steps will guide you through your purchase.**

If you are unable to use the website or are uncomfortable with that process, you can send a check (for the appropriate amount from the timeline above) and list your child's name somewhere on the check. Your child can drop it off in C-208 OR mail it to Elkhorn High School, ATTN: Yearbook. Receipts for on-line sales will be automatically sent electronically. If purchasing with check or cash, receipts are printed upon request. (Cash orders are processed immediately in front of the customer).

The cost to produce yearbook has gone up over the years, but our price for you has not changed in at least the past ten years. With a full-color, ever-growing yearbook, we need to be able to cover the cost of production. With that being said, our starting price is still the regular \$50, but for a very limited amount of time. Take advantage of this, please. Procrastinating costs more money!

Our yearbook staff has already spent numerous hours getting ready for the 2019 book. We have an amazing staff of great people who are ready to document the moments of the year in this keepsake you need on your shelf forever.

Thank you very much!

The Yearbook Staff and Diane Schieffer, adviser