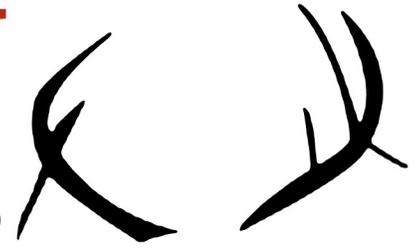


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May Newsletter
2019

From the Principal..... Dan Radicia

The 2018-2019 school year has been exciting; the level of engagement by our students is truly remarkable. With the calendar shifting to May, our EHS students are looking forward to summer break but they still have more to do. Parents, we still have more instructional units to provide your students so continue to support positive academic behaviors until the very end of the year. It is not over, we have more to offer the last weeks of school. Together, we can end strong all the way through finals.

Assessment Results Information:

April was a very important assessment month. The juniors completed the Nebraska State Assessment in the form of the ACT College Test. The students should receive their scores in the mail. Some of our juniors already received their ACT scores in the mail so if your junior has not received his/her ACT score, it should be arriving soon. If you are anxious and can't wait for the US Postal Service, parents and students can check the ACT website for information regarding your student's scores. The 9th and 10th graders completed the Pre ACT which will serve as baseline information for the next two years. Our counselors created an informative presentation that all 9th and 10th graders will listen to in homeroom when we return the Pre ACT scores and booklets to the 9th and 10th graders this Thursday. Parents, please ask to see the Pre ACT results your student will have in his/her backpack.

EHS Teachers Retiring /Leaving:

Elkhorn High School would like to thank our teachers who are leaving EHS after years of service to our students: physical education teacher Ms. Sally Studnicka is retiring after 46 years of teaching. She has had an incredible career where she taught 500 students a week as one of two PE teachers in the district in 1973. "Ms. Stitch" has coached and taught almost every PE course and sport offered to females. She believes that her love of teaching was the direct contact with the kids that made it special. "It was always about the relationships with the kids that made it the best job I could have chosen." Industrial technology teacher Mr. Dennis De Long is retiring after 26 years at EPS and 31 years as an educator. Mr. De Long's Small Engine courses that he built will be his legacy to the students in Elkhorn. English teacher Ms. Chelsey Sullivan will be leaving EHS to become a reading teacher in Bennington. Two special education teachers are leaving the district as well. Mr. Andy Lewis has accepted a position as an activity director and assistant principal in Oakland Craig and Ms. Kate Gralheer will be supporting her husband's administrative move to Raymond Central. It was truly a privilege to work with these teachers as they served their school district and students with professionalism and sound instruction. Their work with our students has meaning and lasting value. I wanted to publically thank you for committing your time to public education and spending time with our students in the classroom and in special education.

Educators are in the people business. It is hard to say goodbye to such wonderful people who you have shared part of your life's work with. Parting is such sweet sorrow, and tomorrow will bring new challenges. Farewell.

**Exciting Farewell to the Class of 2019:**

I will miss the 2019 senior class and their leadership within the building. It is exciting to see emerging leaders and students who finally take risks to join or belong to an event or an activity that stretches them. I tell our seniors that it is ok to be uncomfortable, in fact, get used to it and thrive in those situations. The seniors had a celebration breakfast on Wednesday with The Pancake Man and over 150 showed up to eat together. The Foundation Scholarship breakfast recognized our senior Foundation winners and the Achieved Scholars. AP Testing will begin next week. They tell me that they are ready to go– I believe them. Parents, if we did our work with our students, they should be talking about the next step in their lives, which means..... they are ready.

Thank you seniors for being great leaders in the building. Dan Radicia

Honor's Night: Honorees are Invited via EHS Postcard

As a reminder, Honors Night is Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. This night is for several different academic honors, but does not recognize honor roll. Students who are receiving recognition at Honors Night will be receiving an invitation in the mail. Please encourage your student to attend this final ceremony acknowledging academic excellence. All National Honor Society students are expected to attend.

Additional items to note:

The junior and senior students who signed up for the Advanced Placement tests are preparing for AP tests and finals so they are maintaining an appropriate level of seriousness despite 13 days of school left for the seniors. Our attendance rates stayed consistent around the mid-nineties and the activities provided another engaging activity to connect with our school.

Seniors will be taking their finals for periods 5, 6, and 7 on Tuesday, May 14 and finals for periods 1, 2, 3, and 4 on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Seniors will then go through check out procedures (described below). Seniors will be released around 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, May 15.

EHS students in grades 9, 10 & 11 will be dismissed after final exams as follows:

12:55 p.m. on Thursday, May 23 & 11:45 a.m. on Friday, May 24. EHS will not be serving lunch on either day.

Report cards will be mailed home around May 31. I want to thank the parents for supporting their students and teachers during this 2018-2019 school year.

I look forward to August and hope that our Elkhorn High School families have a safe and exciting summer.

Please feel free to contact me at dradicia@epsne.org or call 402.289.4239. It has been a pleasure serving as your principal.

Dan Radicia



REMINDERS FOR SENIORS:

Graduation Videos will be available through Mid-America Video; an order table will be set up in the commons area on the day of graduation.

Graduation photos will be available through Dwyer Photography, capturing each graduate as s/he receives his/her diploma, and also a 'Class of 2019' photo. Photos will be available for purchase online www.mdvinc.com/ and at the ceremony.

Last school day for seniors is Wednesday, May 15.

After finals, all seniors will turn in their Chromebooks then we will take a class photo, have graduation rehearsal, and turn in a **completed** senior checkout sheet.

****Completed check-out sheets MUST be submitted in order to receive cap and gown****

On graduation day, Sunday, May 19, please report to the auxiliary gym **no later than 3:00 p.m.**

Doors open for family & friends at **2:00 p.m.**, with the graduation ceremony beginning at **4:00 p.m.**

Please remember that graduation is a ceremony; therefore, please refrain from bringing artificial noise makers that would detract from the audience hearing another graduate's name as he/she receives his/her diploma.



Trelawny of the 'Wells' will be performed on Friday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 4 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the door!

Hope you will consider coming!


COUNSELING CENTER STAFF (402) 289-4239, Ext. 2

Desiree Merrihew (A - E) Martha Dowd (F - K) Theresa Crnkovich (L - Rom) Makalla Fritz (Ron - Z)
Tracy Frevert, Counseling Center Admin Assistant

WEBSITE:
www.elkhornweb.org—>EHS—>Counseling Center

Junior News

Summertime Planning for Juniors:

Summer is the time to do some serious college planning. Here are some suggestions:

- Narrow down your college choices to three or four, update Naviance.
- Tour a few schools this summer.
- Visit educationquest.org and search Naviance for information about colleges that interest you.
- Do extracurricular and community service activities.
- Make an activities resume on Naviance or educationquest.org.
- Identify teachers, coaches and counselors who will write letters of recommendation for you.
- Find a summer job to help pay for college.
- Register by May 3 for June 1 SAT, Register by May 3 for June 8 ACT

Senior News

Senior Exit Information: A letter was sent home in March to all seniors. Seniors were asked to return a sheet asking about future plans, final transcripts and scholarships by April 12th. **Additional scholarships received after this date can still be turned into Mrs. Dowd in case there is still time to be published in the graduation program. Please also bring in a PHOTOCOPY of any scholarship award letters you have received to Mrs. Dowd.** These can be emailed to mdowd@epsne.org. Also, final transcripts must be sent to the student's college of choice. If a student changes their college choice during the summer, email or leave a voicemail for Mrs. Frevert (tfrevert@epsne.org) and she will send a transcript.

College Credits Earned: If a senior has earned college credits either through dual credit opportunities or AP test scores, the student is responsible for completing the correct paperwork to have their college credits transferred to the college they plan to attend.

- When completing the AP test registration students choose the colleges in which their scores will be sent. Scores will be sent in late July. Contact www.collegeboard.com if college choice changes.
- If your student was enrolled in a class for dual enrollment, contact the appropriate college for dual credit transcripts. Peru State College (Pre Calc, Honors Pre Calc), University of Nebraska at Omaha (AP Spanish, AP US History, AP Biology, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB and BC), Nebraska Wesleyan University (Japanese 2 & 3, and AP English Language)

Important Websites:

<http://www.elkhornweb.org/schools/ehs> This site contains information for all students.

<http://connection.naviance.com/ehsne> Naviance is our college and career planning tool, complete with personality inventories, career information, college search tools, and more. **All Elkhorn 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders have access to the program provided free to them by the school district.**

www.educationquest.org EducationQuest is a free college planning service provided to all students in Nebraska.



From the Activities Director..... Mark King

COMING SOON:

Starting soon Elkhorn High, Elkhorn Middle, Grandview Middle will be paperless for sports participation sign up. We will be using the rSchool website to accept physical forms, consent forms etc. This website is still in the construction phase, but it will be up and fully functional soon. More information will be disseminated when it's up and running.

SPORTS PHYSICALS:

Students are reminded that doctor's physicals for next year's participation must be completed anytime after May 1st. If you would like, come see us in the Activities Office for a flyer on a couple locations available for sports physical.

Eastern Midland All Conference Team Information:

Keep an eye out for the spring Eastern Midland Conference All Academic Teams and All Conference Teams to be announced soon on the conference website. Remember you can access all the All Conference teams and schedules at www.easternmidconference.org

Locker Information:

Students are reminded that on the last days of the school year in order to receive their \$5 deposit they need to bring their padlock to the A.D. office during the normal school day. Mr. King or Mrs. Lynch will check the lock serial number for verification.

Summer Camps:

Summer camp information may be obtained on the school website under activities and summer camps.

Antler Gear Website:

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

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

Thank you for your support of Elkhorn High School Activities and Athletics!



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.

TEAM+S (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science)

Students competed in the TEAM+S engineering contest that was held on Wednesday, Feb 27 at UNL. The 2019 theme was "The Engineering Brain". The State and National rankings are in and here are the results! Congratulations to all who competed!

State Rank: 4th place; 1st place Exam

Varsity Team A: Megan Raszler, Abby Seibel, Andy Zhang, Arich Fruehling, Trinity Thompson, Mia Giandinoto, Braydon Dreher, Grant Johnson

State Rank: 6th place

Varsity Team B: Daniel Hudson, Alex Bashara, Anna McCaslin, Josah Mills, Jackson Habrock, Sam Beard, Siobhan Helms, Bhavana Sunil

State Rank: 8th place

Junior Varsity: Joseph Seibel, Gage Cammack, Torin O'Rourke, Chris Bednar, Nathan Webster, Jake Rance, Lucas Kenkel

Quiz Bowl

Good luck to our Varsity team as they prepare to compete at the National Academic Championship-Orlando,FL in June (Mia Giandinoto,Duncan McKee, Trinity Thompson and Arich Fruehling). It has been a great year and we will continue practicing daily during lunch in room D107. New members are always welcome.

Robotics

The 2019-20 VEX Robotics Challenge was announced April 27th (the new game may be viewed at <https://www.vexrobotics.com/vexedr>). If you have an interest in joining the robotics team next year, please contact Mr. Benes at csgbenes@epsne.org.

Academic Decathlon

Academic Decathlon is a fall semester cross curricular competition. Next year's topic will be **In Sickness and in Health: An Exploration of Illness and Wellness**. This topic will cover science, literature, art, music, social scene, economics and math. Science will be an introduction to the biology of cancer. Art will focus on an exploration of illness and wellness in art. Music will be various works from across the centuries and will examine the role of mortality in Western art music. Social Science will cover the history of healthcare. Literature will include critical reading, one long work of literature which will be the 1818 version of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, and selected shorter works. *Mathematics will cover algebra and trigonometry. Economics will cover fundamental economic concepts, micro and macroeconomics. If you are interested in AcDec for the 2019-2020 school year, there will be a meeting on May 21 in room C207 at 3:45 pm. If you cannot make the meeting but would still like to join, please email Ashley Anderson at abrooner@epsne.org.*



Continued HALE Happenings...

Summer Opportunities

Gallup is currently accepting applications for GET HIP, Gallup's Education Taskforce – High school Innovation Program. This exclusive opportunity gives you an inside look at the importance of technology in the workplace and the impact it has on the business world.

The program will focus on software development skills, exposing you to concepts in object-oriented programming. You will also learn HTML, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery, and Java.

GET HIP will take place on the Gallup Riverfront Campus for six Saturdays in the fall of 2019, beginning September 28th, and ending November 9th. It will then continue in the spring of 2020, from January 25th to Feb.29th, All students will then compete for the opportunity to attend a six-week paid summer internship at Gallup in 2020.

Application Deadline is May 19, 2019. * For more information <https://www.gallup.com/careers/228329/gethip.aspx>

Duke Tip - Duke TIP Summer Studies Programs for 7th through 10th graders. www.tip.duke.edu/summer

From the Nurse...

~ Medication Pick-up ~

The school is not able to store medication over the summer. So please remember, all student medications must be picked up by a parent/guardian, from the health office by May 24 at the end of the day, or it will be properly disposed of.

~ Medication for the 2019-2020 school year ~

If your student requires any medication (over-the-counter and/or prescription) while at school, each medication must have a Medication Authorization form (link below) signed by the parent and a physician, before we can administer. All medications must be non-expired and provided in the original packaging and/or pharmacy container. For prescription medication, please only provide a **maximum of 30 day supply** at a time.

Link to print blank medication authorization form:

<https://www.elkhornweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Medication-Authorization.pdf>

~ Students with Asthma, Severe Allergies, Diabetes, and/or Seizures ~

If your child has asthma, severe allergies, diabetes, and/or seizures, please submit an emergency action plan signed by your physician. Plans must be updated annually. Blank forms can be obtained at the school office, clicking on link below, or your physician's office can use whatever form they prefer.

Link to print blank Asthma/Anaphylaxis Action Plan:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/7d14993b3a9805164b188eb0a9e8dd01?AccessKeyId=32029651ABFAD3DBF315&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

Link to print Self-carry Asthma/Anaphylaxis medication:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/30e77791e1e3ec0212bd429715dd787b?AccessKeyId=32029651ABFAD3DBF315&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>



FCCLA

Congratulations to the FCCLA STAR competitors who received awards at the state conference on April 7-9. Anne Cook, Erin Stara, and Paige Willcoxon were state runner-ups and received a gold medal in the Junior division, Chapter Service project. Abby Brune, Alyssa Murphy, and Katie Oldham were third place in their division, Focus on Children, and received a gold medal. Emily Bryant, Katie Swan, and Macy Holtam received a silver medal in the senior division, Chapter Service project.

As state runner-ups Anne, Erin, and Paige qualified for the national competition in Anaheim, CA at the end of June.



Congratulations for all of your hard work and successes this year ladies!

Yearbook distribution will be on Wednesday, May 8, after school in the commons.

NOTE: Seniors can come @ 3:00 p.m. & Juniors can come @ 3:10 p.m.

No yearbooks will be distributed early; absolutely no exceptions will be made for this.

If you didn't preorder a yearbook, you can still purchase one for \$75.

Checks payable to EHS, Attn. Yearbook C208

Yearbook

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION – EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Elkhorn Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, marital status, age, disability, genetic information, pregnancy, child birth or related condition, or any other category protected by law in its education programs, administration, policies, employment or other district programs.

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 exist 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 from the Executive Director of Personnel.

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

Career Awareness Program



Plan Ahead...

Career Exploration Day & Letters of Recommendation



Career Exploration Day

Each year, every student is allotted one (1) school day for a career exploration opportunities.

This opportunity allows the student to explore career areas of interest. Most exploration experiences are 2-4 hours in length. Therefore, a student has the opportunity to explore at least two different career areas of interest each year.

Career Exploration Days take time to setup. Therefore, contact Ms. Buurman at least 2-4 weeks prior to the date you wish to use as your Career Exploration Day.

Learn more by clicking here...

Letters of Recommendation Etiquette

Letters of Recommendation are one of the most important elements of any scholarship and/or application as they can provide important information about your intellectual abilities or give a well-rounded picture of you as a person.

Learn more by clicking here...

Career Awareness Opportunities

Click on the titles below to learn more!

Camps, Fairs, & Tours

Career Exploring

Career Internship

Career Resources

Job Opportunities

Job Shadowing

Military Opportunities

Teacher Cadet



Explore. Connect. Learn. Succeed.

Contact Dana Buurman for more information on the current career awareness opportunities!
Email: dbuurman@epsne.org - ESHS: 402.289.0616





District Reminders

Last Day of School Information

The last student day of the 2018-2019 school year for Elkhorn Public Schools will be Friday, May 24; students at all levels will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. that day.

The 2019-2020 school year calendar is available for review by clicking [here](#).

PowerSchool Online Registration Reminder

For the 2019-2020 school year, Elkhorn Public Schools (EPS) will again utilize an online registration system that will allow parents of K-12 students to log in and update information and complete all Back-to-School documents. As a reminder, to use this feature, parents/guardians will need to have a parent access account in PowerSchool.

If you do not already have a parent access account set up, please follow this link for directions on how to create an account: <https://bit.ly/2KqcSLh>. However, you will not be able to complete the online registration process until July. An email will be sent out when online registration becomes available.

If you have an account created for your 4th-12th grade student(s) but need to add younger students, please follow this link for directions on adding additional children: <https://bit.ly/2wDNJuT>.

If you have any questions or concerns or need assistance setting up your account, please contact your building secretary.

Tech Savvy Parent Tip: 5 Simple Steps to a Healthy Media Diet

As summer and extended periods of free time approach, focusing on a healthy media relationship becomes even more important! Common Sense Media has a few simple reminders about ensuring a healthy media diet:

- 1) Choose the Good Stuff: if you're using it anyway, make it quality and age appropriate material
- 2) Use it Together: if your kids are using it, be there to see what they're absorbing
- 3) Walk the Walk: set an example by modeling good media habits yourself
- 4) Balance: mix tech-time with other educational and exercise activities
- 5) Watch the Clock: establish time limits and tech-free zones throughout your home

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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1st-8th grade students in the
Elkhorn Public Schools District.

Registration is now open

Now offering 2-day
Red Cross Certified Babysitter
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SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

June 10-14, 2019 | July 8-12, 2019



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For additional information or to register,
please visit
summerenrichment.elkhornweb.org



Elkhorn Public Schools FOUNDATION



We are now accepting nominations for teachers, alumni, volunteers and community partners for our 2019 Hall of Fame event! To submit a nomination, or to view all past honorees, please visit www.elkhornfoundation.org/hall-of-fame-nomination-form



The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation is excited to be a part of the metro area's charitable holiday - Omaha Gives! - on May 22! You can donate to EPSF through OMAHAGIVES24.ORG anytime on May 22nd to help your giving dollars go further! Matching funds will be given for EVERY donation received.



Putt on over to Champions Run on June 3rd for our Golf Fore Grants Tournament! Your participation in our annual golf fundraiser directly impacts thousands of Elkhorn students through our Classroom Grant Program. Registration & sponsorship opportunities at www.elkhornfoundation.org

Attention SENIOR parents! Want to honor your soon to be graduate? Bricks are still available for purchase for our high school Brick Pavilion. The Brick Pavilion features personally engraved brick pavers, landscaped areas and benches. For more information visit www.elkhornfoundation.org/programs/brick-pavilions/



As the school year winds down, we would like parents to check the balance(s) on their student(s) lunch accounts. If an account is **negative**, ***please make a payment***. We ask that no account is left negative over the summer. Positive accounts will carry over to the next school year.

If you have a graduating senior, their account must be paid if it is negative- in order to be cleared and signed off on May 15, 2019. If there is a remaining balance, you can request a refund or balance transfer after May 17, 2019.

***Please be sure to cancel automatic payments to prevent additional deposits before requesting a refund.**

We ask that you pay close attention to your accounts and keep them funded to avoid your child missing a meal. There will be NO charging allowed at secondary levels. When an account reaches \$0.00 the student will need to pay for meals in cash or have funds deposited to their account prior to receiving a meal.

Emails are sent on a daily basis for students under \$5.00 and at the end of each month regardless of the balance. Parents are encouraged to go online and set up their accounts to receive emails prior to going negative.

If you have not received an email from us, please contact your school to make sure they have a correct email address on file, or check your spam folder.

Lunch accounts can be set up and viewed through our District website at www.elkhornweb.org. Click on Login Links on top left corner, scroll down and click on Parent/Student then Lunch Account.

Access Lunchtime Online under the red lettering, click on: <https://www.schoolpaymentportal.com/>

You will need to create an account, using your students pin number, birthdate and zip code to your student's school. Please set up your email reminders so that you receive an email prior to your student going negative by clicking the view/set reminder box.

You will need your student id numbers which are available at our office or from your student.

*A students Lunch Account will continue with them while in attendance with Elkhorn Public Schools.

If you have any questions regarding your account, please call our office at 402-289-0443.

Thank you,

Shannon Sintek
Sodexo Food Service Director
Elkhorn Public Schools
402-289-0443