

NEWSLETTER

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ELKHORN MIDDLE SCHOOL

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Many important things are scheduled during the month of April – the most important being state testing. A testing schedule is included below and we ask for parents' continued support in avoiding test days for appointments or vacations. We know our students are prepared for these tests and will perform very well!

As we enter the 4th quarter, we at EMS will maintain high expectations and an academic focus. We would ask that you continue to check your child's progress on a regular basis and contact the school if you have any questions. We will work hard to keep students motivated and engaged. You can help us maximize learning by continuing to talk to your child about school and your expectations for them – all the way to the end of the year.

TESTING SCHEDULE

April and May will be busy months for assessments for Elkhorn students. All students at EMS will be taking state tests (NSCAS—formerly known as NeSA) as well as a final administration of MAP tests for this year. Our testing schedule is as follows:

April 2-6:	NSCAS-ELA
April 9-13:	NSCAS-M
April 16-19:	NSCAS-S (8th only)
Apr 30– May 11:	Spring MAP

Please make sure your student(s) are getting plenty of sleep and eating a good breakfast on testing days. **If you can avoid having your student miss school during these days, it would be much appreciated.** If you have questions regarding the testing schedule for your child, please contact the office at 289-2428.

MAKE-UP DAYS FOR MISSED SCHOOL DAYS

As a reminder, EPS students will have **regular classes on Thursday, May 24 and Friday, May 25**. These two days were built into the school calendar to account for the first two missed school days due to inclement weather. There are no other make-up days scheduled at this time.

EMS INCOMING SIXTH GRADE ORIENTATION

Fifth grade students enrolling at EMS and their parents are invited to an evening orientation on Monday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions or concerns about your child's upcoming 6th grade experience, please give us a call at 289-2428. Fifth grade students from Hillrise, Westridge and Arbor View will be visiting the Middle School that same day. The transition from elementary school to the middle school can be overwhelming, we want to make this transition as easy and comfortable as possible.

EMS FALL BACK-TO- SCHOOL 101

Please mark your calendars for our pre-registration day for all students on **August 6 from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.** **It is extremely important that all students come to Back-to-School 101.** Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.



SCHOOL PHYSICALS FOR 2018-2019 SPORTS (GRADES 8-12)

Physicals must be dated after May 1st, 2018 for your child to participate in activities for the 2018-2019 school year.

REPORT CARDS

Third quarter report cards were mailed out on Wednesday, March 28th. If you did not receive your child's report card, please give us a call at 289-2428.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports for 4th quarter will be mailed home on Wednesday, April 25, so please ask your child about those updates.

CELL PHONES

A reminder that cell phones need to be turned off and out of sight during school hours. This has become an increasingly violated policy. We encourage parents to sit down with your child and review the number of phone calls and text messages that they received on a given day during school hours. Again, your cooperation with protecting the educational environment and allowing students to focus on their schooling is greatly appreciated!

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

Our next Booster Club meeting will be held Thursday, April 5th at 3:45 pm at EMS.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for continuing to support Booster Club, as we aim to support our school, our teachers & staff, our kids and our families as much as possible! We are in the final stretch of the year!

TRACK CONCESSIONS will earn funds for EMS Booster Club to provide snack packs for the entire track season to every EMS child who travels to represent EMS. Please consider working a shift in one of the 4 meets held at EMS. WE NEED YOU.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4eaba722aafd0-emsspring>

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up APRIL 23-27. It is a FUN & FABULOUS week for our EMS Teachers and Staff because we SPOIL THEM every day that week! If you would like to donate \$10 to offset costs, please click the link below, and submit \$ to the EMS office by April 20th. Please note your NAME with your donation.

If you would like to help volunteer in the planning, or if you are available to manage any day-of activities, please contact me. WendyMooreOmaha@aol.com or 402-850-0121

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4eaba722aafd0-10donations>

BOX TOPS are an EASY & FUN way for us all to help raise funds for our school. 10 Box Tops from your child = chance to WIN \$10 cash in our monthly drawing. (Please make sure the child's name and the Hi-5 Teacher's name are on the baggy or envelope. Hi-5 Teachers collect the Box Tops.)

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 online at elkhornweb.org/antlers and elkhornweb.org/storm by **April 1, 2018**. Parents can go online to browse camps and download registration flyers.

WASHINGTON DC TRIP 2018

Current 7th graders, there is still time to sign up for the 2018 Washington DC trip if you want to join us! Contact Mrs. Hingorani for details at: ahingorani@epsne.org



FLORIDA SCIENCE TRIP 2019

This week 6th grade students will be receiving a packet with information regarding a science trip to Florida next fall. This trip is only available for next year's 7th graders and will be March 16-20, 2019. Danielle McGlynn, administrative coordinator at Elkhorn Valley View Middle School and Elkhorn Grandview Middle School and Ron Phelps, science teacher at ERMS, will be holding informational meetings on Tuesday, April 12th, 6:00 pm at EMS and at 7:30 pm at ERMS for any parent wanting to learn more. Parents may attend any meeting.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

The Middle School dress code has been one of common sense, parental approval, and personal pride. Like behavior, an individual's dress should reflect sensitivity and respect for themselves and others. The following directions governing dress and personal grooming seek to encourage the student to take pride in his/her appearance, and to aid the student in developing the habit of good taste in personal appearance.



The following clothing or types of dress are PROHIBITED:

1. Dress which causes or has the potential to cause either a substantial disruption or material interference with the educational process.
2. Clothing which is too short, too tight, too revealing, or is inappropriate for school.
3. Dress which contains vulgar or offensive words or symbols or is sexually explicit, indecent, or lewd. Dress which reflects lack of sensitivity or respect for others is unacceptable.
4. Dress which promotes, advocates, or advances the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs, including clothing which displays the logo or trademark of any brand(s) of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs.
5. Sagging pants are not appropriate for school. Pants should be worn so that undergarments are not higher than the pants. The length of shirt worn to cover up the undergarments is not relevant.
6. Any gang-related symbol worn, written, carried, displayed, or communicated will not be tolerated (i.e., hats, caps, coats, sagging pants, bandannas, pagers, and/or handkerchiefs). Hats and sunglasses may be worn to school, but will not be worn in the halls or in any classes.
7. Any items which would detract from the educational environment will not be acceptable.

Dress code violations will be addressed with students by counselors or Administrators. Parents will be notified of a dress code infraction and be asked to supply the appropriate clothing for the student immediately. If parents/guardians cannot supply appropriate clothing, the student will be given clothing to wear that day from a friend or possibly from the lost and found.

CHORUS NEWS - MRS. WORTMAN



It has been very busy, and successful months for the vocal music department!

- ◆ Congratulations to the "Classics" Show Choir and the 7th grade chorus on a great concert on March 1.
- ◆ Congratulations to all 8th grade chorus students on a wonderful performance at the High School on February 26.
- ◆ Congratulations go out to the "Classics" and "Noteworthy" show choirs for their performances at competitions.
- ◆ Congratulations to the 6th grade chorus and "Noteworthy" on a great concert with the 5th grade recorders on March 13.
- ◆ "Classics" Show Choir will tour the elementary schools and care centers sometime in May. That date is not yet set.

The final concert for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade chorus students, voice lessons, "Noteworthy" and "Classics" is scheduled on Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

6TH GRADE NEWS

MRS. CRAWFORD, MRS. CHANDLER, MRS. GRAGERT, MR. PREISSLER, MRS. YOUNG, MRS. KLUENDER, MS. MEIER, MRS. WELLS, MRS. MEYSENBURG

6th Graders are currently studying weather. When we are done with this unit the students will understand what drives the weather. They will know the layers of the atmosphere and which layer weather takes place in. They will understand how clouds are formed and they will be able to identify the different types of clouds and what they mean to a weather forecast. The students will know how humidity, air pressure and dew point affect weather.

Math 6 and Pre-Con students are doing final preparations for our state testing. The new state test is called NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System). They will be competing in Math Madness and reviewing skills to help them be successful! NSCAS math testing will be April 9-13.

In reading, elements of nonfiction will be the focus of study. Students will need to continue with their daily reading and testing for Accelerated Reader. Final AR goal points for 4th quarter will be due on Friday, May 11th.

The Social Studies class will focus on the geography and urban geography on the remainder of the year. The city of Omaha will be studied according to its growth and formation.

In Language Arts, we are currently working on capitalization, commas, quotation marks, using the right word, and dialogue. Students will take a District Assessment over these skills in April.

7TH GRADE NEWS

MR. BEARD, MRS. HINGORANI, MS. LUTES, MRS. PIKE, MRS. WELLS, MRS. HOLLMAN, MRS. KLUENDER, MR. KMENT, MS. MEIER, MRS. MATUELLA

In Science, we will continue the Motion and Forces unit, studying intro physics topics. We will be investigating gravity, friction, and laws of motions through hands on activities. Students will review scientific method while investigating motion through an independent study. Our final unit of the year will be astronomy.

In reading, we are taking the NSCAS before doing a collaborative poetry unit with language arts. We will then move in to learning about mythology.

In World History, we will study the Renaissance and Reformation, Science and Exploration, the Enlightenment and Revolution and finish up the year studying the World Wars.

In Math, students are preparing to take the NSCAS, or formerly known as the NeSA test. Testing for students will occur April 9-13.

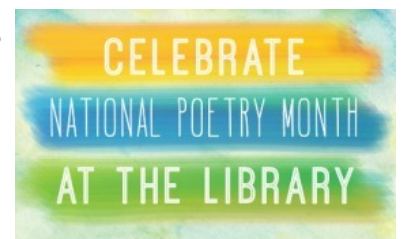
In Language Arts we will begin the month working on a collaborative poetry project with reading. This will include writing, analyzing, and presenting poetry. For the remainder of the month, we will continue to study writing mechanics and end the month taking our final district common assessment.

LIBRARY NEWS - MS. HARTMAN

The library held a Sweet Sixteen Book Challenge during the month of March. The top 16 circulating books in the EMS library were posted and students participated in voting for their favorite book of the 2017-2018 school year.

At the current time, we are looking to offer another spring Teen Tech Week. Stay tuned for announcements about the dates and specific activities.

April is National Poetry Month.



8TH GRADE NEWS

MS. GUTSCHOW, MRS. BAUMBERT, MRS. GRISHAM, MR. HULTMAN, MRS. COLLINGSWORTH, MRS. HOLLMAN, MS. MEIER, MRS. VALASEK

Spring is finally here! We are looking forward to an eventful month. We will be giving the NSCAS-ELA the week of April 2nd, the NSCAS Math test the week of April 9th, and the NSCAS Science will be given April 16-19. Please let your children know of the importance of these tests as they will help determine some of their high schools classes and activities. Attendance is crucial to the success of your student.

In Language Arts during the 4th quarter students will take their final District Common Assessment over writing and grammar skills. Please ask them if they are preparing and studying for this test in April. Our final writing unit will be the writing portfolio. This is a comprehensive writing project which will take place for the better part of the quarter.

In both Algebra and Pre-Algebra we will be preparing for and taking the NSCAS Math test.

In Science we are starting chemistry and learning about the properties of matter. Students will also be reviewing for NSCAS Science.

In Reading we will complete all 20 of our Vocabulary Units by the end of April. In the first two weeks of May, we will review for the Vocabulary DCA, our last DCA and last major test of the year. AR is due May 14, but your child will have an opportunity to earn some of the goal through two in-class literature circles. Please ask to see your child's bookmark.

In American History we will be studying the late 1800s and early 1900s Progressive Era.

8TH GRADE CELEBRATION UPDATE

We are down to the last few weeks of preparation for our 8th Grade Students year end celebration! We are still in need of help to make this celebration a success! Please view the sign up genius link below! Any and all help is very much appreciated.

Please have all sign up forms for your student returned to the office by April 13th! If you are in need of a form please let us know and we can email you one! We would love to see a huge turnout for this event.

If you haven't sent in the students early year picture, please do so asap! You can drop it off to the school office or email it to azamora300@icloud.com. Please include the students name on the back of the picture.

Please remember this is a parent sponsored and funded event for our 8th Graders! We appreciate all the parent support! Any question or if you would like to make a donation please email azamora300@icloud.com.

Your 8th Grade Celebration Planning Committee!!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b44ada62ea75-ems8th>



TECH SAVVY PARENT TIPS— APRIL 2018

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.

Parental Controls

Did you know you are able to limit your student's access to websites, email contacts or even control the time of day and the duration in which they use the computer? By creating different user profiles and customized parental controls on your home computer you can help make sure your child is viewing age-appropriate content.

Apps Parents Should Know—Snapchat and photo saving apps

Snapchat is an app that allows users to send pictures, videos and short captions to friends 10 times faster than (mms) text messaging. The app allows the sender to determine when the message will expire (up to 10 seconds). Users have the option to send a "snap" to one person or a group of people. Once a message is viewed, it will disappear and cannot be retrieved again. However, the person receiving the 'snap' has the ability to take a screenshot of the photo and save it directly to their device. It is important to understand that even though a message may expire, there is no guarantee a photo will not be re-distributed by the receiver. Several new apps have been created to quickly save Snapchat photos before they expire. Apps like MirrorGo (Android), ScreenRecorder (iOS), and Snap Saver save photos and videos without notifying the sender. Bottom line—never assume a Snapchat picture or video is temporary or private.

BAND NEWS - MR. EDWARDS

EMC Band Festival Results – On Thursday, March 8th the 7th Grade and 8th Grade Band participated in the 8th annual Eastern Midland Conference Middle School Band Festival in Waverly. It was an excellent day for all performers. The 7th and 8th Grade Band received a “Superior” (Division I) rating. In addition, the band received a 15-minute clinic with one of the judges immediately following their performance. This proved to be an invaluable educational experience. A special thank you to the parents who chaperoned for us: Mrs. Benes and Mrs. Todd. Miss Rathman also was in Waverly to help and support our students. All of this assistance was greatly appreciated.

Concert Attire- Please note that for the following three events students are to be in “concert attire.” This includes red EMS Music polo shirt (tucked in), black pants (no leggings, sweat pants, or yoga pants), black socks, and all-black shoes. Simply stated we are asking for “black from the waist down.” We hope this more detailed information will be helpful to parents and guardians as you plan for our remaining 2018 performances. Please contact Mr. Edwards if you have questions and thank you for helping our band look as uniform as possible.

EMC Middle School Jazz Band Festival – On Thursday, April 5th, the Jazz Band will be traveling to Elkhorn Ridge Middle School for the 8th Annual Eastern Midlands Conference Jazz Band Festival. Our jazz band will be performing for and rated by a set of three judges. Bands will receive ratings, comments, plaques, and a follow-up clinic with one of the judges. Our performance time is 6:00 PM. Dress is concert attire. **ON THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 5TH, ALL STUDENTS SHOULD REPORT TO SCHOOL IN CONCERT ATTIRE OR CHANGE INTO IT AFTER SCHOOL and report to the band room at 3:30 pm for our final rehearsal.** We will load the bus and leave for ERMS at 4:10 pm. We will return to EMS by 7:10 PM. Students may bring money for snacks.

Big Band Jazz Night – On Saturday, April 28th, the Elkhorn Public Schools will be hosting the 14th annual Elkhorn Big Band Jazz Night. The event will be held at Elkhorn High School with times TBA. The EMS Jazz Band, the Grandview Middle School Jazz Band, and both EHS jazz bands 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 Elkhorn Jazz Bands with all proceeds going toward purchasing jazz music for future performances. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and \$1 for seniors over 65. A meal will again be offered with details TBA. Please mark this date on your calendars, polish off those dancing shoes, and start those swing dance lessons right away! See you then!

May 10th Concert – On Thursday, May 10th at 6:30 pm, the Elkhorn Middle School Bands will give their final concert of the year. All the EMS bands, including the 6th Grade Band, the combined 7th and 8th Grade, Band, and the Jazz Band, will be performing. Students should begin warming up in the band and chorus rooms at 6:00 pm. Please come support your student (s) in their final performance of the year.

The 5th Annual Middle School Summer Band Program - Beginning on June 4th, students from all Elkhorn middle schools (EGMS, EMS, ERMS, EVMS) have the opportunity for an educational and enjoyable experience this summer in our Summer Band Program. There is NO CHARGE for this amazing program. Join us for three weeks of classes in Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Chamber Music,

Your child will experience:

- an incentive to play your instrument during time off from school
- a chance to learn techniques that may not be covered during the school year
- an opportunity for younger and older students to work together
- specialized instruction for incoming 8th graders wanting to prepare for All-State auditions in the fall
- a final concert with treats afterwards

All classes will be held at Elkhorn Grandview Middle School.

The program runs Mondays thru Fridays June 4th - June 20th concluding with a Concert on Thursday, June 21st at 10:30am.
Daily Schedule:

8:00-8:45am - 8th Grade All-State Lessons	11:45am-12:15pm - 7th Grade Chamber Ensembles/Lessons
9:00-10:00am - 8th Grade Concert Band	12:30pm-1:30pm - 7th Grade Concert Band
10:15-11:00am - 8th Grade Jazz Band	1:45pm-2:30pm - 7th Grade Jazz Band

Students may miss some days if they have conflicts. Please contact Mr. Edwards if you have any questions.

We hope that getting this information out to you now will enable you to make advance plans so your child can participate this summer! Online registration IS AVAILABLE NOW. It is on your child’s Google Classroom site and Mr. Edwards emailed the link to parents/guardians. Please contact him if you need him to resend it.

STILL TIME TO JOIN US!

Bids 4 Kids

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INTERVENTION PROGRAMS IN
ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

April 5 • 6-9PM • Noah's Event Venue
silent auction + raffles + complimentary appetizers + desserts



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LAST YEAR'S RECIPIENT RECEIVED \$500+ IN GROCERIES!

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{CHECK OUT THESE ITEMS}

*STIR COVE TICKETS *WINESTYLES TASTING FOR 20 *PRIVATE SHOPPING NIGHT FOR 20 AT BLISS BOUTIQUE *DISMAL RIVER GOLF PACKAGE FOR (4) WITH 2 DAYS OF UNLIMITED GOLF AND A HOTEL STAY *SCHOOL EXPERIENCES *COACH, COLE HAAN AND MICHAEL KORS PURSES *PURE BARRE WEST OMAHA *U2 TICKETS *JOURNEY/DEF LEPPARD TICKETS *HUSKER TAILGATE PACKAGE WITH (2) TICKETS TO TROY GAME, PARKING PASS AND YETI COOLER *ESCAPE ROOMS *BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES *ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT *KC ROYALS PACKAGE *IMPRACTICAL JOKERS TICKETS *SCHOOL SPORTS CAMPS

**CAN'T ATTEND AND STILL
WANT TO SUPPORT THE MATH
& READING INTERVENTION
PROGRAMS?**

register your phone FREE to bid remotely by clicking the pink 'REGISTER FOR AUCTION' at the website above



April 2018



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 NSCAS-ELA (All students)	3 NSCAS-ELA (All students) Computer Club Grp C 3:20-4:30 pm	4 NSCAS-ELA (All students)	5 NSCAS-ELA (All students) Booster Club Meeting 3:45 pm EPSF Bids 4 Kids 6-9 pm	6 NSCAS-ELA (All students)	7
8	9 NSCAS-M (All students) BTrack @ Bennington 4:15 p.m.	10 NSCAS-M (All students) Computer Club Grp C 3:20-4:30 pm GTrack @ Aspen Creek 4:15 p.m.	11 NSCAS-M (All students)	12 NSCAS-M (All students)	13 NSCAS-M (All students)	14
15	16 NSCAS-S (8th grade students) School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17 NSCAS-S (8th grade students) Computer Club Grp C 3:20-4:30 pm GTrack @ Blair 4:15 BTrack @ Gretna 4:15 pm	18 NSCAS-S (8th grade students)	19 NSCAS-S (8th grade students)	20 *NO SCHOOL* TEACHER IN-SERVICE BT/GT @ EHS Kim Baumert Invite 2:00 p.m.	21
22	23	24 Computer Club Grp C 3:20-4:30 pm GTrack @ EVVMS 4:15 p.m. BTrack @ EMS 4:15 p.m.	25 EMS Progress Reports Mailed Home	26	27 BT/GT Invite @ Norris 2:00 p.m.	28 8th Grade Celebration EMS Gym 6:00—8:00 pm
29	30 Spring MAP test GTrack @ EMS 4:00 pm BTrack @ ERMS 4:00 p.m.					