

Elkhorn South High School



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From the High School Principal.....Mark Kalvoda

As we venture into the second semester, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the parents, students and teachers for making first semester incredibly positive. I am continually amazed by the accomplishments of our students. With all the negative news in the media today, it is great to see our young people so involved, so engaged and working so hard to positively represent themselves, our school and our community.

We continue to discuss the most effective ways to challenge our students to fight off our most dangerous enemy...complacency. We believe that 'good' is the enemy of 'great' and we must continue to push our students in order to see growth and to maximize their potential. This theme is embraced by our teachers, coaches and activity sponsors and is discussed frequently in conversations. I would ask that you reflect upon your student's goals, involvement and course selections and have a conversation with them about taking advantage of all opportunities available at Elkhorn South. This conversation is especially important during February and March as we begin the process of registering students for 2018-2019 courses. Few high school decisions are more important than course selection, as the learning indelibly shapes students' futures.

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR APRIL 3rd.

The Nebraska Department of Education has moved away from NeSA assessments to the ACT for all High School Juniors. On Tuesday, April 3rd, all Juniors will take five sections of the ACT: English, Math, Reading, Science and Writing. Juniors will be dismissed at approximately 1:00pm. ESHS 9th and 10th Graders will take the pre-ACT on April 3rd which includes English, Math, Reading and Science tests. 9th and 10th grade students will be dismissed at approximately 12pm. No lunch will be served on April 3rd. Seniors will not in school on Tuesday, April 3rd.

Please see schedule below for important spring dates:

Spring Break	3/16-3/23
State ACT and Pre-ACT at ESHS	4/3
Prom	4/7
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 16th-23rd). 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.

I would like to personally invite all ESHS parents to our **Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, February 14th and Thursday, February 15th from 5:00-9:00pm.** Please note the dismissal time for these two days is 2:20pm and school is not in session on Friday, February 16th. Parent-Teacher conferences are primarily focused on affording stakeholders the opportunity to have conversations regarding the achievement of students. The secondary focus of the evening is finalizing students' course selections for the 2018-19 school year. Please review your student's proposed schedule prior to the conferences and utilize this evening to seek input from teachers, counselors and administrators.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, February 14th

Thursday, February 15th

from 5:00-9:00 pm.

1 hour Early Dismissal

EPS BOND ISSUE PRESENTATION:

Dr. Bary Habrock

February 14th, Wednesday

ESHS Auditorium

7:00 pm

Please consider attending a bond issue informational meeting on the first evening of parent teacher conferences. EPS Superintendent, Dr. Bary Habrock, will share district growth and bond issue details and all parents are invited to attend.

**EPS Bond Issue Presentation
Dr. Bary Habrock
February 14th, 7:00pm
ESHS Auditorium**

February may indeed be the busiest month of the year with fine arts, activities and athletics in full swing. We continue to encourage students to take care of themselves by proper hydration, plenty of rest, quality nutritional diet, exercise and appropriate winter wear. I appreciate your continued conversations, as I believe hearing the same message from multiple sources makes a difference.

Speaking of staying healthy, we have seen an increase in the number of students absent on a daily basis due to illness. This often causes several missing assignments, including tests and quizzes. You may notice zeros, DND's, or failing grades in PowerSchool. Please understand that this is our teachers' way to encourage students to get caught up as soon as possible when they return. It also serves as a reminder for students and teachers that work is missing. Please encourage your students to meet individually with teachers if they miss school for any reason. This will greatly reduce their stress levels and get their grades back on track. Thank you for your assistance.

Please know that we care about your students and their academic success and strive to maintain a solid working relationship with all parents. I encourage you to call or email your students' teachers with questions or concerns. I have enjoyed the many conversations with parents this year and I welcome your call or email as well. Amazingly, we are already in February and the year has gone as fast if not faster than the first seven years at ESHS. I am proud to be your students' principal and I am proud of the students and staff of Elkhorn South.

Mark Kalvoda
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UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

- March 16th—Teacher Inservice
- March 19th—23rd—Spring Break
- April 3rd: ACT test at Elkhorn South
- April 7th: PROM
- April 14th: National ACT test
- April 28th: Night of Stars
- May 1st: Salute to Seniors concert
- May 5th: SAT test
- May 5th: Show Choir Final Concert
- May 8th: Spring Choir Concert
- May 16th: Honors Night
- May 16th: Senior last day
- May 20th: Graduation at 4:00 at ESHS
- May 25th: Last day of school

School Make up Day

Due to the cancellation of school on January 11th, 16th and 22nd, 2018, there will be make up days for all students, except seniors, on Thursday, May 24th, and Friday, May 25th, the last day of school.

MISSING CAR KEYS?

ESHS has collected more than 15 unclaimed car key fobs for various vehicles over the years. If your family is missing one, please see Mrs. Carlson in the main office, thank you.


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Counseling Center Newsletter

February 2018

Counselors:
Jason Gosnell A-E
Meggan Coghil F-K
Kyan Kingston L-Rn
Steve Patras Ro-Z

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IT'S REGISTRATION TIME!

Current freshmen and sophomores met with counselors in English classrooms and one-on-one to finalize course selections for next year. Current juniors met one-on-one with counselors to review junior audits, which included a discussion on course registration for next year. Parents will be asked to affirm these selections during Parent/Teacher Conferences on February 14-15, where you will be asked to sign off on your student's selections before you leave conferences. Your signature will finalize your student's registration and is very important. Course offerings and teacher assignments are decided based upon registration numbers. It is important that you and your student make thoughtful choices. See below for the new EPS Foundation Achieve criteria; it may influence your course selections! Check it out!

JUNIOR AUDITS

During January, each junior will meet individually with his/her counselor to discuss graduation progress, courses for senior year, and college planning. Juniors are strongly encouraged to access their Naviance accounts (<http://connection.naviance.com/elkhorn>) for access to college and career planning.

JUNIORS-MEETING WITH COLLEGE REPS

Juniors are allowed to meet with college reps visiting ESHS. Students must sign up a week in advance through their Naviance account. An updated list of colleges can be found in the daily bulletin or in Naviance.

JUNIOR DAYS

Many colleges host visits geared to juniors in the spring. These days are an excellent time for juniors and parents to begin the college visit process. Check college websites or contact admissions offices for information.

AP Testing Information:

Students in AP classes will soon be receiving information about the AP Exams that will be given in May. These tests are optional but by earning a successful grade on the test the student can potentially earn college credit for the course. Information about costs and dates of the tests will be mailed home in late February. The test registration deadline is **March 2 at 3:30.**

College Entrance Testing: For Juniors

Upcoming test dates: The statewide ACT date is April 3. ALL JUNIORS will test at ESHS on this day. Additional Saturday dates for the remainder of the year are: Feb. 10, April 14, and June 9 and July 14. For Saturday tests, register online at www.actstudent.org. Registration deadlines are approximately one month prior to the test date. Full length practice tests available in the counseling center.

Important note about score reporting: Upon registration for the test, students can select up to 4 colleges/organizations to receive their test scores. To avoid paying to send scores later, ensure you have selected 4 colleges of your choice at the time of registration.

Test Prep Resources

Visit the Counseling Center website (www.elkhornweb.org), click on Elkhorn South High School, Counseling Center, Testing, Test Prep Resources) or see your counselor for more information on test prep resources/classes.

SENIORS

-Beware of senioritis! Colleges/scholarships will receive a final transcript, and a poor showing could affect a college admission decision. Finish strong!

-Be wary of scholarship scams. You should never pay for scholarship or financial aid services. Check Naviance regularly for scholarships.

-Any student applying for financial aid needs to file a FAFSA. Many colleges have a March 1 priority filing date. Contact your college for their priority date. If you have questions about the FAFSA, see the "Completing the FAFSA" section at www.educationquest.org.

EPS Foundation ACHIEVE Scholarship:

The EPS Foundation ACHIEVE Scholarship Program recognizes and rewards students who engage in academically rigorous coursework while maintaining balance in other areas within the school and community. Requirements include taking a minimum of FOUR AP classes during high school. Visit elkhornfoundation.org for the details.



ESHS Activities – AD Roger Ortmeier

ELKHORN SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULES ON THE WEB:

Activity Website – www.elkhornweb.org/storm

METRO Conference Website - check the latest information on schedules by going to: www.mhsaaconference.org

All of the game schedules and calendars are available!

Check it out! There are even links for driving directions to several schools on the schedule, and parents can have info directly downloaded to their smartphone! Including INSTANT NOTIFICATIONS OF SCHEDULE CHANGES!

NSAA Website: For a more accurate and up-to-date display of information, please go to: nsaahome.org website. You can access district and state information, check wildcard points, and have immediate access to NSAA level events.

FIRST DAY OF SPRING PRACTICES IS FEBRUARY 26TH

Going out for a spring sport?

Do we have your physical, consent form, and activity fee?

Must now fill out your athletic forms online!

REMINDER: Online athletic forms now available on PRIVIT at:

<https://elkhornsouthstorm-ne.e-ppe.com>

CHANGE TO SPORTS SCHEDULES AND UPDATES – EFFECTIVE NOW!

*****Parents/Coaches/Teachers, etc.** – Reminder – Please check our conference website which will provide you with all necessary schedule updates and changes. The URL is: <http://www.mhsaaconference.org>

*Click *Subscribe* in the upper right hand corner to download calendars to your smartphone.

The Spring Sports Parent Meeting - NEW INFORMATION - will be held *Thursday, February 22nd, @7pm in the ESHS Auditorium. Concussion Q&A at 6:45pm.* This will be held in the ESHS Commons. It is a great opportunity for parents to meet their coaches and ask any questions that you may have! If your son or daughter is participating in a spring sport, please plan on attending!

IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES:

3rd	Show Choir @Elkhorn High
5 th	Middle School/High School Band Concert @ESHS
9 th -10 th	Show Choir NCDA and Crystal Cup@ESHS
15 th -17 th	State Wrestling Tournament
16 th	State Cheer/Dance @Grand Island
17 th	EBO Band Competition
12 th -13 th , 17 th	Girls District Basketball
19 th -20 th , 24 th	Boys District Basketball
22 nd -24 th	State Swimming and Diving
24 th	Show Choir @Grand Island

Good Luck to ALL winter sports teams and activities at district and state competition!!!

NCAA DIVISION I AND NCAA DIVISION II - Freshman Eligibility Standards

The NCAA has released the latest information regarding Freshman-Eligibility Standards, for college entrants. All students planning on participating in college athletics are reminded that they must register with the NCAA INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY CLEARINGHOUSE. For the most recent details, see your High School Guidance Counselor

Is your student-athlete working out after school?

Did you know? That the ESHS varsity coaching staff has an after school workout program currently running, has been in place since December, and has nearly 100 athletes involved?

Did you know? That the ESHS coaches use this program for off-season training for ALL ESHS athletes? It is also a great way for athletes to show their coaches how hard they are training for their next sport!

Did you know? The off-season program is a comprehensive conditioning program that specializes in building bigger, faster, stronger athletes? These programs currently run Mon-Tues-Thurs. at ESHS high school.

Did you know? This program is FREE to all ESHS athletes! Each athlete simply needs a sports physical on file, and have their red activities contract completed.

ACTIVITIES NEWS:

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Activities/Athletics – TOP TEN LIST-

I have compiled the ten most frequently asked questions that occur during the school year. Hopefully this may aid in the communication between the school and your home.

- 1. Academic Requirements.** Elkhorn South High School uses the same set of standards for all extra-curricular programs. This standard follows the NSAA rule of 20 credit hours passed the previous semester. This is the equivalent of 4 full-time classes passed. This rule applies to ALL extra-curricular groups at ESHS.
- 2. Activities Code.** Training rules violations are *cumulative* for each school year. Example: A student who is in violation prior to or during the winter sports season has one strike against them. If the same student then violates a second time during the same season that they are a participant, they then have a second strike applied. These rules apply to all 7-12th grade activities participants. Please refer to the EPS Activities Handbook for more complete information.
- 3. Attendance.** On a normal school day, students must be in attendance for a 1/2 day immediately prior to the scheduled game or practice. For example, this would mean a student would need to be in attendance at **the start of 5th hour** at the HS building. Professional appointments are EXCUSED. See your head coach, or contact the A.D. office for more specific expectations.
- 4. Activity Fee.** All participants in MS and HS sports programs are required to pay the \$35 student activity fee. All students are encouraged to purchase this same activity pass the opening week of school, as it is their free pass to attend all ESHS contests at no charge.
- 5. Forms-Clearance to participate.** At the back of the Activities Handbook are forms for students and parents to complete. These forms should be completed online, along with the activity fee prior to beginning practices or conditioning. **Online athletic forms now available on PRIVIT at: <https://elkhornsouthstorm-ne.e-ppe.com>**
- 6. Lettering & Letter Jackets.** The E-Club will give each student their initial athletic letter, complimentary, at the completion of the season for which they participated. Each coach has specific standards for lettering requirements. Parents may purchase letter jackets, patches, chevron's and pins from local sporting goods suppliers. ESHS has a specific form you should take to the sporting goods store to insure they complete your jacket correctly. These forms are available in the AD office. Following this form allows for all school letter jackets to end up looking very close to the same, which is our intent.
- 7. Domicile Rule.** Students MUST live in the Elkhorn School District to be eligible, and specifically reside in the ESHS boundaries to be eligible at ESHS. Any student living outside the district boundaries must complete transfer information with Mr. Stephen Baker, Superintendent of Schools.
- 8. Age Limits.** According to the NSAA rules, no student may turn 19 years of age prior to August 1st and remain eligible to participate. This obviously could affect students in the 7th and 8th grade, if age requirements are applicable at that point.
- 9. Off-Season Programs.** Please see your head coach prior to participation in any outside programs. Elkhorn South High School will obviously support in-season programs FIRST. No students may "work out" on their own in any EPS facility. Supervision is required due to liability reasons.
- 10. What time does the game start?** Unfortunately when battling Mother Nature, she usually wins! For the most current and up-to-date information, please check our information at: www.mhsaaconference.org. Please navigate your way to whichever sport and level of play you are interested in!

CHECK www.mhsaaconference.org for updated schedule information!

Roger Ortmeier, A.D.

Opportunity for parents to assist with the meals at Parent/Teacher conferences: monetary donation or providing an item

Parent/teacher conferences will be from 5:00 - 9:00 pm on Wednesday, February 14th and Thursday, February 15th, 2018. Parents will have the opportunity to show your appreciation to the staff by providing them with a delicious meal on these two evenings.

If you are interested in being a part of this please follow the Sign Up Genius link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aaaad2ca0ff2-parent5>

If you have any questions, contact Kristi Costello at kcostello@epsne.org or 402-289-0616.

Thank you for your help, the staff at Elkhorn South greatly appreciates it.



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at ShowTix4U.com
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CHOIR

8th Grade Combined Concert
| February 1st at 7 PM

Crystal Cup Show Choir Invitational
| February 9-10th

SENIOR NIGHT

Boys Basketball - Senior
night vs. Omaha Central
on Saturday, February 3rd
@ 4:45pm





Band Highlights

Tuesday, February 6th - Concert 7 PM with 8th grade bands from EVV and ERMS
February 8th - 10th - Nebraska Wesleyan Honor Band - 4 students are attending - Sofia Valle, Dakota Valle, Joshua Oarhe, and Ty Windeshausen
Sat. February 10th - Indoor Drumline Competition at Burke High School
Tuesday, February 13th - Midland Jazz Festival - Blue Sage jazz band
Saturday, February 17th - Elkhorn Band Olympics - hosted at ESHS
Sat. February 24th - Indoor Drumline Competition at Papillion- La Vista South High School

State ACT Date- Tuesday, APRIL 3rd, 2018



- **9th and 10th grade students** will take the PreACT test in the morning, with early dismissal for the afternoon. Lunch will not be served.
- **ALL 11th grade students** need to be in attendance to take the ACT, with early dismissal for afternoon. Lunch will not be served (Note, if students are absent, they will attend make-up testing on April 24th).
- **12th grade students** will not report to school. Seniors are encouraged to participate in community service activities, but plans for the day will be a family decision.

We believe it is our obligation to help our students reach their ACT goals. Please contact me or an ESHS counselor with questions about the ACT preparation program here at ESHS.

Thank you Parents of Elkhorn South

Thank you parents for your generous monetary donations in providing the Elkhorn South staff with a holiday meal. The gift of a meal was very appreciated at the end of the semester. Thank you!

SENIOR PICTURE FOR THE DOUGLAS COUNTY POST GAZETTE

If your senior would like to have their senior picture in the Post Gazette Graduation Edition, please have them send their picture to editor@dcpostgazette.com by March 1st, 2018.

Tech Tips

Upcoming Bond Resolution

During the January Board of Education meeting, the EPS School Board approved a bond issue resolution that would provide funds for land acquisition for future building sites, the construction of new schools and updates and remodels to several district buildings. Superintendent Dr. Bary Habrock is currently hosting community meetings to address the District's rapid growth and discuss plans for projects funded through the potential bond. For a full break out of the proposed projects and a list of the remaining community meetings, please visit <https://goo.gl/RHkjhQ>.

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.

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.

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.

YEARBOOKS FINAL SALE:

The last day to pre-order yearbooks will be Friday, Feb. 2.

Order online at yearbookforever.com or by sending cash or check to school with your student (payment can be dropped off in the office in an envelope labeled 'Yearbook' or delivered to Mrs. Sinclair in room D015).

Price Now: \$60

Price in May: \$75

*There will be very few yearbooks available for purchase when books arrive in May, so order now!

Please contact Jen Sinclair at jsinclair@epsne.org if you have any yearbook related questions.

Is there a change in email, phone or home mailing address?

Please contact Jean Krusemark in the Counseling Center at 402-289-0616 to update your information.

Thank you!

ESHS HALE HAPPENINGS

HALE is Elkhorn Public Schools' High Ability Learner Education. Visit the HALE Activity link from the Elkhorn South 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, "Finding Your Place in the World" on February 22-23 at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in the Old Market – parents are welcome. See www.negifted.org for more information.

Olympus Club hosted Elkhorn Quiz Bowl

A big shout-out to the parents, alumni, students, and sponsors (Godfather's and Donut Professor) who helped make the annual Elkhorn Quiz Bowl a huge success. We had 43 teams compete. Our advanced team of Bennett Wright, Alex Page, Ted Gernhart and Dylan Sturdivant won first place!

Robotics

The robotics teams are having a very successful year! In the Nebraska Skills rankings, the Blitzkrieg team is currently ranked 12th and the Sandstorm team is ranked 14th. Their first event was at Elkhorn Grandview Jan 2. They competed against 62 teams at Omaha Benson (Jan 12-13), against 94 teams at Omaha North (Jan 15-16) and against 32 teams at Gross (Jan 20), with Blitzkrieg and Sandstorm finishing in the division quarterfinals at all 3 events. Stormtroopers won the Judges' Award at the Gross competition.

Academic Decathlon

The combined EHS/ESHS Academic Decathlon Team, coached by Julia Wagoner, traveled to Regionals. The team took third place in the Super Quiz for Large Schools. Congratulations!

AMC National Testing

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 ESHS on February 7th and 15th. Honors and AP math students were invited to participate. See Mrs. Johnson for practice tests to prepare for the AMC. For more information visit www.maa.org/math-competitions/amc-1012

Summer Opportunities

Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science

raikes.unl.edu/summerworkshops -Application deadline March 15, 2018

PKI Holland Academy

<https://pki.nebraska.edu/new/pages/outreach/holland-academy-of-excellence/>

Upcoming Events

February 2 & 3 - DC West Robotics

February 7 & 15 – American Mathematics Competition

February 12 - U.S.A. Biology Olympiad

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

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

February 22 & 23 – NAG Conference

February 23 & 24 Heartland Regional Robotics

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

March 2- Bellevue University Quiz Bowl

POST PROM 2018: Plans are underway for the POST PROM PARTY!! On Saturday, April 7th, ESHS will be the location for the dance from 8:30 –11:30pm, followed by POST PROM from 12:30-5:30 am.

Post Prom is available to all ESHS juniors and seniors and their guest at no cost. However, each junior and senior family is asked to contribute \$40 or more to help cover the cost of the event if possible. Any amount would be appreciated. These donations cover more than 75% of the costs associated with Post Prom, and allow the students access to free games, food, entertainment and prizes in a fun and safe environment. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation for each Junior and Senior in your family.



Checks should be made out to: Elkhorn South Post Prom Booster Club

Mail your check to: Amy Parks, Treasurer 2313 S 184th Cir., Omaha, NE 68130.

Or PayPal click here: <http://www.paypal.me/eshspostpromdonation>

THANK YOU to those families who have already donated!!

ONE MORE THING for JUNIOR PARENTS: Not only do we need your donations to make Post Prom a success, but **WE ALSO NEED YOU!!!** Post Prom is organized and run by Junior parents. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. If you have not, there is plenty of time and plenty of opportunities still available. Please reach out to Nancy Gruefe (our Post Prom Chair at jimandnancygruefe@cox.net or 402-321-1446.)

Like us on Facebook! Find updates to Post Prom planning meetings, activities and information at:

<https://www.facebook.com/eshspostprom2017/>

Finally.....**SAVE THE DATE:**

Chipotle Fundraiser!! Tuesday, February 20 from 4:00 – 8:00 pm

Chipotle on 2717 South 177th Street

When you mention you are supporting the ESHS Post Prom Booster Club, 50% of the sales are given to the booster club for funding Post Prom activities. It's a win, win. A night off from cooking and your money helps fund Post Prom!

ESHS DECA Students Succeed at District Competition

DECA students participated in the District Competition on January 20th, held at Millard South High School. Students competed against other students in a variety of events, testing their knowledge and skills against those in the metro area. Each student completed a 100 question test and a role play with judges from various industries.

Students placing in the top 3 include; Luke Andreasen, 1st place in Entrepreneurship; the team of Noble Rai and David Myers, 1st place in Business Law and Ethics and the team of Megan Swartzbaugh and Carson Swartzbaugh, 1st place in Travel and Tourism Marketing. Other ESHS participants include Kaela Arant and Molly Peterson.

These students will now attend the State DECA competition and compete among 800 students from across the state for a chance to qualify for the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA April 21-24th.

The Elkhorn South Speech team has already experienced a great deal of success so far this season. Jacob Fee and Will Grisham placed first in Impromptu Duet Acting, with Jacob placing fifth in Humorous Interpretation. At the North Bend meet, the Oral Interpretation of Drama group placed second, Ben Leathers-Arnold placed first in Entertainment Speaking, Emily Foster placed fourth in Poetry, and Will Grisham placed third in Humorous Interpretation and Jacob Fee placed fifth in Humorous.

We will continue with meets at Marian High School on February 9 and Lincoln East on February 16. Our season finishes up with the District Speech Meet on March 10, with winners making it to the NSAA State Speech Competition in Kearney on March 22.

Elkhorn Public Schools Career Awareness Program

Click the title above to access website.

February 2018

Why Career Exploration Matters

How do we expect young people to dream if they don't know what they can dream about? Opportunities for career exploration give young people broader exposure to the working world they will one day enter. It helps them "connect the dots" between school and career in ways that keep them motivated to graduate with the skills they will need for the future.

- Career exploration experiences and opportunities can improve academic performance. They also increase the likelihood that these students will complete high school and pursue post-secondary education.
- Career exploration opportunities improve the attitudes of young people about their career possibilities, motivating them to persevere.
- Career exploration improves students' knowledge of career options, encouraging them to develop and work toward goals during the critical years when they are also beginning to venture beyond the orbit of their parents.
- With a better understanding of the working world, young people can more easily envision how they fit successfully into that world. Knowing the preparation they will need for specific careers, participants also become better able to set realistic goals for themselves and pursue them.
- Students who are involved in career exploration are more likely to plan their high school courses of study carefully to gain the skills they will need.
- Students participating in career exploration programs as middle-schoolers are more likely to enroll in higher level math courses in high school and have higher self esteem. ~From America's Promise Alliance

NEW-Calendar of Events

Click the title above to access the calendar.

The CAP website has a NEW PAGE with a NEW FEATURE! Now you can copy the CAP career event(s) to your own calendar! You may do so by completing the following steps:

1. Click on the event of your choice.
2. Login to your account if you've not already done so.
3. Click "more details" on the bottom left corner of the calendar event.
4. Click the Options button (three dots in the upper right corner next to the Close (x) button) of the next window.
5. Choose which calendar you want to copy the event to.
6. Click "Save" and you're done!

Questions?

Contact Dana Buurman for more information on career awareness opportunities that are available.

Email: dbuurman@epsne.org

Phone: ESHS: 402.289.0616 ~ EHS: 402.289.4239



Elkhorn Public Schools
FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIPS NOW ONLINE!



ATTENTION SENIORS:

Scholarship applications are due

FEBRUARY 1 at 6PM!

Last year the Foundation awarded over \$263,000 in scholarships. Please visit our website for a listing of scholarships available to 2018 graduates.

www.elkhornfoundation.org/scholarships



2018

*Bids
4
Kids*

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Mark your Calendar: Bids 4 Kids will be held on April 5 at Noah's Event Venue from 6-9PM. Join us for a fun evening of silent auction bidding! We are grateful for any and all donations. For donation or sponsorship information, please contact Stacey Selk at sselk1@epsne.org.

Tickets now available for purchase at

www.elkhornfoundation.org/bids-4-kids



We are now accepting nominations for our 2018 Hall of Fame Reception! To submit a nomination, or to view all past honorees, please visit our website www.elkhornfoundation.org/hall-of-fame-nomination-form