

# OCTOBER 2020

## upcoming dates...

# **Principal's Note:**

Dear Parents-

Thank you for attending our ZOOM parent teacher conferences. Although this was a new experience, the conversation about your child's learning was still very valuable. We appreciate your continued support as we navigate through this pandemic. Our focus will continue to be on learning along with the safety and the emotional well-being of our students.

A huge thank you goes out to all of those who helped make our FunDay (Walk-A-Thon) a success! We wouldn't be able to have such a wonderful school without your time, talents and financial support! It is such a blessing to be a part of such a giving and supportive community!

As always, please feel free to contact me any time with questions or concerns!

Deb Knutson

Students are not supervised or let into the building before 7:55 unless they are eating breakfast that begins at 7:45. Please do not drop your child off before 7:55 unless they are attending breakfast, working with a teacher, or doing safety patrol. We want to make sure everyone stays safe! Thanks for your help!



#### October 19th

-Remote Learner Pictures TTCC -PTO Zoom Meeting 7:00 PM

October 23rd -Teacher In-service-No School

October 30th -Halloween Parade, 2:00 PM Classroom parties to follow parade

November 3rd -Election Day-No School

November 16<sup>th</sup> -PTO Zoom 7:00 PM

November 25<sup>th</sup> -Early out-2:06 dismissal

November 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> -No School

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## Halloween Celebration 2020

We are excited to see your children in their costumes and our teachers are planning Halloween activities to enjoy in class on October 30<sup>th</sup>. There are a few changes but we are working to make this day as normal as possible! PTO will be providing snacks that are safe for all students. Please do not send any additional snacks. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions we will not be able to invite parents/volunteers in the building to help with costumes or parties. Students will have the opportunity to walk in a parade at 2:00 to show their costumes. Please follow the guidelines below:

- Limit the parade spectators to 2 people per family and younger siblings.
- Spectators must wear facemasks and stand 6 feet from the students and staff. All families watching, should socially distance from each other.
- This is an outdoor only event. In the case of inclement weather, parents will be notified about changes via email.
- Please have your child practice putting on their costume over their clothing.
- All costumes should be fun and friendly.
- No weapons.
- Let me know if you do not want your child to participate in the costume parade and we will work out an alternate plan.



## Having Issues Getting to EPS Online Resources?

Follow the EPS Technology Department on Twitter. The EPS Technology Department recently created a new Twitter account to help keep parents and students informed of any technology platform outages. Get updates by following @ElkhornPS Tech on Twitter

## PTO NEWS

- The next PTO meeting is Monday, October 19th at 7 PM via zoom.
- Please visit the PTO website at fireridgepto.com for more information.
- You can now purchase your yearbook for \$18.00 at https://fireridge.store.creatorstudiopro.com
- Thank you to Angie Knutson for her leadership in creating a safe and FunDay for our students! We appreciate your time and energy over the many years you have volunteered!

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### TECH SAVVY PARENT TIPS - APPS TO KNOW

Classlink: Elkhorn Public Schools



ClassLink is a single sign-on platform that allows students to use one username and password to access online resources already being used in the classroom, including online textbooks, Moodle courses, and more. ClassLink saves all school related passwords within the security of your ClassLink password

ClassLink is a safe, secure way for students to connect with applications and resources. The website does not collect or share any personal student information, which is important to us. Best of all, it is very easy to use and is a great resource for students and families.

Information about getting started with Classlink for EPS students can be found here.

#### PowerSchool App

The Elkhorn Public Schools District uses a student information system called PowerSchool. This is a web-based system with a mobile app option that is intended to provide parents and students with a tool to review student progress. An important feature in PowerSchool is parent/guardian access.

This feature offers real-time access to attendance, class information and the option to update student information easily. Students in grades 3-12 also have the ability to view current grades.

PowerSchool also offers parents a single sign on method so they have the ability to link multiple student accounts together and access the accounts via one login and password.

#### Activity Scheduler: rSchool Calendar



EPS middle and high schools use on an online calendar called rSchool to track all events and activities. rSchool also has an app option for individuals to view their schools rSchool calendar and view events by date or by activity category.

To use the app, download Activity Scheduler in your phone's app store and choose the your school based on the conference they are part of. To view and subscribe to any building's calendar, click <u>here</u>. For reference, Elkhorn High School and all EPS middle schools are part of the Eastern Mid Conference and Elkhorn South High School is part of the Metro Conference.

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.

