



ELMWOOD LOCAL SCHOOLS

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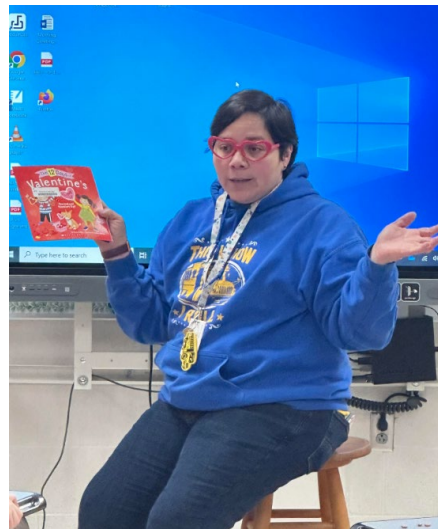
## Elmwood Happenings 4/24/2024

Greetings Elmwood Community,

It is hard to believe that we are down to 5 weeks of school. The year has gone by so fast. Students are wrapping up state testing and those results will be available in the parent portal of the gradebook by the end of June hopefully. As the year is wrapping up, please make sure you are paying off any debt that is owed to the school, especially cafeteria debt. If you want to verify if you owe any money, your building secretary can help with fees and the Cafeteria Director can help with lunch debt. Seniors need to have all debt paid for them to get their diploma at graduation.

We are looking for businesses that would like to advertise on the scoreboard at the football stadium. The fee paid allows the business to be on the board for a three-year period. If any business is interested, please contact or email the Superintendent for the amount and other details.

1. Mrs. Hoffman's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade had another mystery reader. This time it was one of our bus drivers, Victoria Riddle who volunteered. It is great to see all our staff willing to assist in helping stress the importance of reading.



2. Elmwood 5th graders participated in a "living" wax museum on Friday, March 1st in the community center gymnasium. Students chose an inspirational person to read a biography, complete a trifold board, and write a speech reflecting that person's life, challenges, and accomplishments. Students dressed in character and recited their speeches to community members and Elmwood 3rd graders. The students learned many important skills with the project such as; learning to read a biography, researching information from multiple sources, writing a speech, completing a timeline, and practicing their public speaking skills. We are so proud of our 5th graders!



3. On March 20th, international students attending the University of Findlay visited Elmwood 7th graders and shared cultural experiences related to their home countries of Japan, Korea, and Vietnam. The visit allowed for students to compare differences between their middle school experience with those of students in these East Asian countries. Madison Laird described that, "The difference is most schools in the U.S. don't have to wear uniforms, but Korean, Japanese, and Vietnamese students all have to wear uniforms. For example, Vietnamese students have to wear a white shirt and a red bow tie."

When describing the Japanese practice of students cleaning classrooms, Michelle Gallagher mentioned how, “At their school, they take responsibility, and after lunch, students have to clean up any mess they made. In our culture, we have janitors and don’t clean the school at the end.” Even though many differences exist, students were also able to find some similarities between cultures. As Hunter Motot mentioned, “Here in America, we have some similar club activities such as using instruments, baseball, basketball, etc.”

Ivanna Gutierrez noticed some similarities in the attire of students, explaining, “On their uniform sweaters/jackets, they have their school’s logo. This is like us because we have varsity jackets with our school logo!” Finally, students could also compare differences in culture between teenagers in Korea, Japan, and Vietnam. Harper Davis noticed differences within a typical school day for students, writing, “The school time in Korea is from 9:00 AM to around 4:00 PM, and in Japan it is from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM. In Vietnam it is from 6:45 AM to 9:30 PM.” This visit was made possible through the Department of Language and Culture at The University of Findlay.



4. On March 11th, Elmwood's Pre-Kindergarten program was awarded 5 stars for Ohio's Step up to Quality Program. According to the Ohio Department of Education's website, "Step Up To Quality is a five–star quality rating and improvement system administered by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. SUTQ recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality program standards that exceed preschool licensing and school age child care licensing health and safety regulations. Step Up To Quality program standards are based on national research identifying standards which lead to improved outcomes for children." (source: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Step-Up-To-Quality-SUTQ>)



**5-STAR  
AWARD  
WINNER!**

**Ohio** Department of Education  
Department of Job and Family Services

Here are a few upcoming events for students and/or family that you may want to be aware of:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>  | <p>Preschool is not in session due to teacher inservice<br/>Choir Spring Concert @ 7 PM In CC Auditorium<br/>“Hula On Over”—Father/Daughter Dance<br/>Pre-registration required 7-9 PM</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 30 – May 2<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>• Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>  | <p>Elementary Book Fair<br/>Elementary PTO meeting @ 7 PM<br/>“Boots &amp; Buddies”—Mother/Son Dance<br/>Pre-registration required, 7-9 PM</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup></li> </ul> | <p>Happy Mother’s Day<br/>Elmwood Board of Education Meeting @ 5:30 PM<br/>Kindergarten Graduation in CC Auditorium<br/>Spring Arts Festival from 1 PM to 4 PM<br/>Hs Academic Awards Night @ 6 PM in the CC Aud.<br/>Memorial Day-NO SCHOOL<br/>Last Day for Students/End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter<br/>Graduation @ 2 PM in the HS Gym</p> |

Tony Borton, Superintendent

