



Elmwood Local Schools

“From the Desk of the Superintendent”

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<http://www.elmwood.k12.oh.us>

Days/Hours Missed Status

# days missed	7
# 2 hour delays	4
# days to make up	2
Make up dates with Students	Thursday, June 1 st and Friday, June 2 nd

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Contact Us:

Community Update:

We are trying to get the spring sports in, but Mother Nature has had other ideas. As sporting schedules change, please keep an eye on the athletic calendar located on our website. If you have a smart phone and would like to receive updates on schedule changes and daily updates, the athletic department is now using the remind app to help with this. The directions, if you would like to receive these updates, are located at the very end of this newsletter.

Our last Board meeting was Monday, April 10th and the following items were approved:

*Out-of-state trip for Sophomores to Henry Ford Museum and Freshman to Holocaust Museum.

*Moved May meeting from the 8th to the 15th.

*Accepted the resignation this summer of 3rd grade teacher, Ryan Baigtel.

*Approved a parental transportation contract for the remainder of this year.

*Approved financial reports, new appropriations, and participation in our worker's compensation program.

*Accepted the following donations:

To: HS Baseball From: Royal Summer Baseball \$6500

To: HS Softball From: Lady Royals Dugout Club \$5000

To: MS Media Center From: Anonymous \$2000

To: District CC From: Roger Manecke Family US Flag in remembrance of Gilbert E. Manecke and Robert H. Manecke

To: District From: Board Members \$175 for staff gifts

*Approved the hiring of the following new staff for the 2017-18 school year:

Denton Saunders for MS Intervention Specialist

Leslie Straka for Elementary Intervention Specialist

Alexis Heiser for District-Wide Speech Services

Katie Bryant for HS Guidance Position

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Elmwood Tidbits:

Elmwood Local Schools Presents:

What Parents need to know about their students and the Cyber world.

What schools can and cannot do about Cyber bullying.

Dangerous Apps and why...Instagram, Whispers, Hook-up, Yik-Yak, Kik, Poof, Calculator apps and others.

Please Join us:
Monday, April 24th In the High School Auditoria from 6:00-7:00 pm

The high school and middle school are hosting a social media/internet safety assembly for the students at our school and then for the parents at a community night presentation. The presentations will be by Mr. Rick Mann, a lawyer who gives legal counsel to school administrators. Rick has been passionate about the safety of students during these

changing times. His primary focus is on the dangers of accidental misuse of digital media and its associated pitfalls; including but not limited to, social networks, cyber-cheating, cyber-bullying, sexting, sextortion, chat rooms and apps. Rick has presented to more than 1,500 parents and 65,000 students. The presentation will emphasize what parents need to know about pre-teen and teen actions in the cyber-world, the dangers created, and what parents can and should do to safeguard their children. The community presentation will start at 6 PM in the auditoria. Here is a link for more information on Rick Mann:
<http://rick.mann-cyber-counsel.com/>

The Prom Committee is presenting two activities to help raise funds for the Jr/Sr Prom. The events are “Ties and Tiaras: Father/Daughter Dance” and “Boot Scootin’ Boogie: Mother/Son Dance”. The Father/Daughter Dance is first and will take place on Saturday, April 29th from 7-9 PM in the Auditoria. The event is open to pre-k through grade 6 girls along with a very special date—a father, grandfather, uncle, etc. The Mother/Son Dance will take place on Friday, May 19th from 7-9 PM in the elementary gym. This event is open to pre-k through grade 6 boys along with a very special date—a mother, grandmother, aunt, etc. Both events will be filled with a night of fun, dancing, and refreshments. The cost is \$20 per couple, and additional child at \$5 each. Reservations are required. Please see the high school office for more information.



I got the privilege of serving ice cream to the students in 3rd and 4th grade as an incentive for the students who had good behavior and completed their homework throughout the 3rd quarter.



We would like to recognize one of our middle school science teachers, Mrs. Katie Smith for participating in the Be E³ Smart Program. The program is funded by the Ohio's Electric Cooperatives (OEC) and is an opportunity for students and their families to save energy. This innovative program from the Ohio Energy Project teaches energy concepts and energy efficiency strategies correlated to Ohio's Learning Standards. The project uses the "home-to-school" approach, in which the students learn about energy at school and then have the opportunity to apply their knowledge by putting into action many of the energy efficiency lessons and measures at home with their families. The program provides Mrs. Smith with professional development and over \$2000 in science equipment and student supplies for use in the classroom and at home. Every student and their family received items designed to help reduce electricity and fuel usage in their homes. Mrs. Smith was one of 54 teachers throughout OEC's service territory selected to be a part of this wonderful program. Congratulations Mrs. Smith.



The High School Student Council just completed a service project this past week. The students donated and packed 200 sack lunches for Helping Hands of St. Louis which serves the homeless in the Toledo Area.

Towards the end of this newsletter, I have included a letter from the Board of Education on school safety. This was originally posted in our quarterly newspaper, The Royal Review, and I wanted to also include it here to make sure everyone got a chance to read the letter.

Upcoming Events:

April 13 – 18th, Elmwood's Spring Break

Wednesday, April 19th, All Juniors take the ACT test

April 19th-21st, 5th Grade Camp at Heartland Camp

Monday, April 24th, Parent Presentation at 6 PM in the auditoria on the cyber-world and social media in relationship to our kids. (See related article above)

Saturday, April 29th, Ties and Tiaras: Father/Daughter Dance, 7-9 PM (See related article above)

~~Sunday, April 30th, Elmwood Band presents its annual Jazz Supper CANCELLED~~

Tuesday, May 2nd, Election Day

Thursday, May 4th, Choir Concert at 7 PM in the Community Center Auditorium

Saturday, May 6th, Junior/Senior Prom—Royal March, 6:30 PM at Olscamp Hall, BGSU

Monday, May 15th, Elmwood Board of Education Meeting at 6 PM

Thursday, May 18th, Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony at 6:30 PM

Friday, May 19th, Boot Scootin' Boogie: Mother/Son Dance 7-9 PM (See related article above)

Sunday, May 21st, Spring Arts Festival from 1 PM until 5:00 PM

Monday, May 29th, No School for Memorial Day

Thursday, June 1st, Makeup date, all in session

Friday, June 2nd, Makeup date, all in session

Sunday, June 4th, Elmwood's Graduation Ceremony at 2 PM

A Letter to the Public about Safety from the Elmwood Board of Education

After a recent article about a safety device in the Sentinel Tribune, readers might have been left with the impression that the Elmwood Board of Education believes the safety of our children is not a top priority. The following is meant to share additional information with parents and the community about Elmwood's desire to keep all students and staff safe at school.

During the February board meeting, Superintendent Borton shared information about a new device that has been introduced to the Wood County superintendents allowing a classroom door to be internally secured in the event of an emergency. This device has been purchased by two schools in the county thus far. Mr. Borton wanted to ensure the board knew about this device and provided a brief description of how this device works.

During the question/answer portion of the presentation the board had the opportunity to ask several questions about how this device fits into our current safety plan and how it might fit with other planned safety improvements.

During the design and construction of our K-12 campus, decisions were made that impact our ability to secure our students in the event of an emergency today. Many of our local residents, who represent the law enforcement community, shared ideas during the design phase of our building project that did not get traction for various reasons. Over the past six years, Mr. Borton has worked with our staff to address some of the items that were left out of the construction phase. Despite the improvements, many physical changes and staff trainings are still required.

The Elmwood Board of Education has worked with Mr. Borton to prioritize these needed improvements. In order to use tax payer dollars wisely, grants have been secured over the years and general fund dollars have been allocated to help complete many of these improvements. While we wish we had a blank check to complete all of these items, this isn't the reality that we live in today. At the end of the day we must make choices on which projects get completed before another. During the presentation that the Sentinel reported on, the Board simply asked these questions:

This device works really well for what it was intended to do, but does the device fit into our building structure? Are there other safety projects that need to be completed first? As the conversation continued, it was clear that more information was needed in order to make a responsible decision about this product and where it falls within our improvement plans.

Elmwood's safety plan:

- *Elmwood has a safety committee made up of staff and administration that are responsible for continually reviewing our published safety plan.
- *This plan is submitted to the Ohio Department of Education during the summer for each upcoming school year.
- *In 2011 the Wood County Sheriff's Office completed a thorough safety review which included several recommendations for making improvements to our buildings and recommendations for staff training. Elmwood's safety committee has consistently reviewed these recommendations and made recommendations to the Board of Education for implementation.

Projects completed:

- *Full time School Resource Officer
- *Cooperation of Wood County Sheriff's Office with training of staff in Enhanced Lockdown Procedures
- *Building upgrades that include door buzzer system, addition of IP camera system, and new door security software
- *Upgraded emergency communication system
- *Staff presence and training regarding student arrival and dismissal
- *Staff training regarding adult access to building during school hours
- *Navigate Software for safety planning and emergency responders
- *Other confidential security measures

Future Projects:

- *Improve secure access to building
- *Enhance and practice staff/student training on how to respond during an emergency
- *Continue to Enhance the IP camera system
- *Other confidential enhancements

The Elmwood Safety Committee will continue to work towards the prevention and response to any emergency that could occur at Elmwood. The Board of Education is eager to discuss any concerns you have about the safety of our students and staff. As we all know learning can only happen when students feel safe in the classroom.

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