



Elmwood Local Schools

“From the Desk of the Superintendent”

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Community Update and Elmwood Tidbits:

The new school year is underway and I am happy to say that the start has been smooth. The students are settling in and figuring out their routine. Each year of my career in education seems to go faster than the year before. The old saying, “Time flies when you are having fun”, really fits for my time here in Elmwood. It is easy to go to work when you have great staff like we do here in Elmwood to interact with students each and every day.

Every student in grades 5th through 12th have received Chromebooks that they use every day and also take home each night. I love the technology and access to it that we provide students on a daily basis. The elementary is also using Chromebooks, but we have carts that are available at each grade level for the teachers to use in their lessons.

I want to take a minute to look back at the 2018 Elmwood High School Graduating Class. The class graduated 95 members and they have multiple plans after high school. Their post graduate plans are:

29% will be attending a 2 year college	35% will be attending a 4 year college
29% will join the workforce	3% will start an apprenticeship
	4% will join the military



Each summer, the local American Legion Posts sponsor students who are finishing their junior year of high school to go to Buckeye Girls State and Buckeye Boys State. Both groups spend one week learning about how our government system works. Elmwood is proud that Thomas Bodnar, Joseph Laborie, Benjamin Armbruster, and Evan Frankfather represented them at Buckeye Boys State. All four members this year were sponsored by the American Legion Post #338 from Bradner, Ohio. To my knowledge, we did not have a girl attend girl's state this year.

For informational purposes, I want to let the community know that our income taxes are up for renewal and will be on the November ballot. There are two separate ballot issues, one for the ½ % and the other for the ¾ %. These two income tax levies have been renewed every 5 years since they were originally voted back in the early 90's and have kept the district from going for new money to operate our schools. Please remember to vote this November. Please contact me if you have questions that you would like addressed.

This school year, we are using a new alert call/email system. Therefore, please be aware that we may experience some issues with the first few weather calls. If you do not receive a call when we have our first weather issue, please call the secretary in your child's office to verify your child's information.



The Elmwood Marching Royal Pride honored our soldiers this Memorial Day by performing at ceremonies at Jerry City Cemetery and Wayne Graham Cemetery. We would like to thank the Wayne Fire Department, Portage Arbor Gleaners, and Music Boosters for providing lunch for the band between the two observances.

The Elementary PTO would like to thank everyone who donated “Box Tops for Education” labels to start this year. Throughout the year, special raffles from those who donate will be held for various prizes. The first drawing was held for free school fees for the year. The winners were:

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| Briley Oestreich - 1st grade | Tommy Rothenbuhler - 3rd grade |
| Kale Smith - 3rd grade | Mackenzie Beltz - 2nd grade |
| | Corbin Stephenson - 1st grade |



Elmwood started this summer with a major energy savings project. All lighting in the main building, the community center, and outside lots are now switched over to energy efficient LED lighting. When we announced this project, we received a call from our electric supplier, Hancock-Wood Electric (HWE) on working together through their statewide partnerships to secure rebates to lower our cost. This picture is the district receiving one of our rebate checks. To date, with working with HWE, we have earned \$33,000 and we anticipate an additional \$32,000 in rebates that will be here in the coming month. When the project began, we were hoping for \$5000

in rebates and we have worked to increase this to \$65,000 in rebates. This is a perfect example of our school working with our community partners to benefit all involved.

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Elmwood Prom 2019 FUNdraiser. Come in to the Chipotle at **15067 E US Rte 224** in Findlay on **Wednesday, September 12th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Elmwood Prom 2019 FUNdraiser.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

Here is a fundraising opportunity for the 2019 Elmwood Prom Committee on September 12th from 4 PM until 8 PM. You will need a copy of this flyer for our group to get the portion of the proceeds.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, September 3rd, NO SCHOOL, Labor Day

Saturday, September 8th Band Spectacular at 6 PM

Monday, September 10th, Board of Education meeting at 6 PM in the MS Library

Monday, September 17th 2 hour late start for students for teacher inservice

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