



# Elmwood Local Schools

## “From the Desk of the Superintendent”

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### Community Update and Elmwood Tidbits:

I want to start by wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Today is the last day for teachers and students before we enter into our Christmas Break. I hope each of you get some time to relax and spend quality time with your families. There are a few sporting events over the break, but otherwise things are pretty quiet for the district during this time. Teachers return back with an in-service day on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students first day back to school will follow on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The principal's offices are closed over break, but Central Office is open most days. Specifically, Central office is closed December 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> and then again January 1<sup>st</sup>.



Winter season is upon us, and weather delays and cancellations are a given. It is important that parents have a plan for their children when we delay and /or close. When the weather is questionable, I leave my house at 5 AM to drive the roads. The high school principal, Mr. Bentley, and head of building and grounds, Mr. Abke, are also out driving. We each cover a different part of the district. During this time, I am in constant contact with other area schools to see what decision they are making. My goal is to make the decision as quick as possible so the word can get out. This is not always possible and there is a rare occasion where I will need to make a really late call. Once the decision has been made to delay or close, the community is notified in multiple formats. The ways we contact the community are listed below and in the order they are done.

My Twitter account: @Elmwood\_Supt

Our autocall alert system

Local TV Channels (11, 13, and 24)

Local Radio Stations (WFOB 1430 AM, WKKO 99.9, WRQN 93.5, and WTOD 1560 AM)



Elementary Student Council helping with the district-wide food drive for help those in our community who are in need this Christmas Season.



I am pleased to announce that we have been awarded a \$5000 grant from Hancock Wood Electric (HWE) and CoBank. The money will be used to buy “wobble chairs” and “stand-up desks” for some elementary classrooms.

These chairs and desks allow kids who need to move around

to do so comfortably without interfering with the rest of the students in the classroom. Allowing a student to move like the chair and desk does increases academic achievement since the student can release energy but still focus on the teacher’s instruction.

The first picture shows us collecting the check for the donation. In the picture, left to right: Marcia Stahl (CFO for HWE), Tony Borton (Superintendent), Gary Dulle (Elementary Principal), George Walton (CEO for HWE), and Clarence Mahovlich (Representative for CoBank). The second picture is what the “wobble chairs” look like.



The sophomore class sponsored a Student vs. Staff basketball game on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The match up was the best we’ve had in recent years with the students keeping up with the staff during the first half. The second half of the game, the staff team took a bigger lead and ultimately the students lost 47-30. A big thank you goes out to the staff members and community members that donated their time to help make the event a success! The student team consisted of: Nolan Laube, Kain Brossia, Tommy Gonyer, Justin Lauffer, TJ Barlekamp, Nick Cline, Zack Slaughterbeck, Garrett Wright, Lincoln Thatcher, Ryan Cox, Connar Barringer, and Ricky Buckingham. Their coaches were Zach Weiss and Brock Reinhard. The staff team was represented by: Ty Traxler, Jeff Hannah, Derek Meyer, Jill Davis, Heidi Meyer, Meagan Benner, Abbie Murray, Tina Meyer, Ben Steele, Brian Cooper, and Jason Barringer. The staff was led by their coach Terry Rothenbuhler. Referees for the game were Dave Wellman and Zoe Shank. Announcing the game was Brian King and keeping score was Eric Poffenbaugh. Photo credit goes to Sandy Brunswick.



Beth Perez, Elementary Music Teacher, presented two musical performances during the first half of the year. The first was with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. The musical performance was called “All America Me and You!” The students sang a variety of new and traditional patriotic tunes. The highlight of the program was “The Armed Forces Salute.” Veterans stood so they could be honored as the students sang songs that represent the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. The second performance was done by our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders on December 7<sup>th</sup>, and their performance was called “Celebrate the Season”. This holiday review opened with a jazzy version of “Jingle Bells”, “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree”, “O Hanukkah”, and “Here We Come a Caroling” to name a few of the songs the kids sang. They even sang “Silent Night” in German! The students did a great job getting everyone in the holiday spirit!



The Elementary students are working diligently on Christmas crafts. This activity was funded by the Elementary PTO.

## Upcoming Events:

December 21<sup>st</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Winter Break, No School

Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, Elmwood FFA Alumni Toy Show in the Community Center

Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, Elmwood Board of Education Meeting at 6 PM

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, Martin Luther King Day, No School

Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, College Credit Plus Information Night, 7 PM in Auditoria

Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, Two Hour Delay for teacher inservice

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