



Elmwood Local Schools

“From the Desk of the Superintendent”

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

Any questions or concerns for our website should be address to our webmaster, Sonja Brand, at brans@elmwoodschoos.org.

Days/Hours Missed Status

# days missed	5
# 2 hour delays	3
# days to make up	none
Make up dates	N/A

<http://education.ohio.gov/>

The Ohio Department of Education's website has everything you would want to know about education in Ohio.

Community Update:

It is hard to believe that I am writing my second newsletter already. I am pleased that the interest is constantly growing and the email grouping is over 200 community members strong and growing. Continue to share the newsletters and encourage others to join my group. I am also looking for topics to write about. If you have ideas, send me an email.

On Monday, March 6th, we have Dr. Katz coming in from the Literacy, Language, and Learning Institute which is located in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dr. Katz is working with the teaching staff on identifying signs and symptoms of reading disorders in any age student. She will look at how these signs and symptoms manifest themselves in the classroom and at home. Finally, Dr. Katz will share evidence based recommendations on how to help these struggling readers in the classroom. While this is official Professional Development for my staff, I am inviting the public to come in and observe this presentation if the topic of reading difficulties and interventions is something that interest you. We will be meeting in the auditeria and Dr. Katz will speak from 10 AM until 12:30 PM.

The Board of Education met this past week and the main items that the Board approved were:

- 2017-2018 School Calendar (Will include in a future edition).
- Accepted the donation of 36 LCD computer monitors from First Solar Energy. A huge thank you to this company.
- Accepted the resignations for the end of the school year for Ray Getter, Dave Wellman, and Candace Meyers.
- Hired Deb Bechstein as a bus driver.
- Hired our spring sport coaches for track, baseball, and softball.
- Hired Greg Bishop as Director of Technology and Head Football Coach for the 2017-18 school year. (See related article).

Elmwood Tidbits:

I have been asked to share the 2017 Little League sign up dates for

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our area communities. This information is located at the end of this newsletter. Since this is a community sponsored event, and not a school sponsored, please contact the designated rep for your town with any questions that you may have.



Did you know that Elmwood School's current enrollment for preschool through 12th grade is 1,261 students? Our district covers just over 110 square miles of territory. We put 10 regular route busses, 1 bus that runs to Bowling Green, 1 bus that runs to North Baltimore, and finally 1 bus to Penta Career Center on the road every morning. These busses move just under 800 kids each morning.

The Elmwood vs. Van Buren boys basketball tripleheader originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st at Elmwood is being moved to Wednesday, February 22nd beginning at 4:30pm at Elmwood. This change is due to both Elmwood and Van Buren's girls' basketball teams competing in OHSAA sectional semifinal action on Tuesday evening. We hope this will allow fans to attend both sporting events that week!



I am happy to introduce our new Director of Technology and our new Head Football Coach for next school year. His name is Greg Bishop and he comes to us from Tiffin City Schools. We are excited to have Greg join us and lead both areas.

I would like to congratulate Samantha Shoemaker, a sophomore here at Elmwood for being named a delegate at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston, Massachusetts. This exciting opportunity took place last summer, and a second invitation for this coming summer. In both cases, there are students from across the United States who are high school honor students that are passionate about science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM). Again, congratulations Samantha.

Do you know of a student who has been honored like Samantha? If so, please pass the information along to me as I want to share the good news happening around the Elmwood Community.

In my last newsletter, I listed the Queen and King nominees and I would like to congratulate our newest King and Queen, Ylse Brokking and Ryan Krouse for Elmwood's Homecoming. I also failed to mention the Penta Career Center representatives in my last newsletter. I would like to congratulate Macy Eddington and Hayden Drain for representing both Elmwood and Penta at our Homecoming festivities.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, February 20th, President's Day, No School

Week of February 20th, National FFA Week, lots of activities for our Elmwood FFA students.

Tuesday, February 20th, 8th Graders will take the National Assessment in Education Test (NAEP)

Tuesday, February 21st, Girls' Basketball Tournament-Sectionals @ Springfield HS playing Delta

Thursday, February 23rd, scheduled 2-hour delay for teacher inservice

Thursday, February 23rd, Girls' Basketball Tournament-Sectionals @ Springfield HS (if we win)

Week of February 27th, Scholastic Book Fair in the MS Media Center

Wednesday, March 1st, 8th Graders travel to Penta for Career Expo

Friday, March 3rd, Boys' Basketball Tournament-Sectionals @ Wauseon HS playing TBD

Saturday, March 4th, HS Cheerleaders perform at the State Championships. Good luck Girls!!

Saturday, March 4th, Elementary PTO 3rd Annual Bakery Bingo—preview is at 5:00 PM with BINGO from 6-8:00 PM

Monday, March 6th, No School for teacher in-service (See related article).

March 7th – 10th, 8th Graders Washington DC trip

Monday, March 13th, March Board of Education Meeting

Monday, March 13th, Winter Athletic Awards is 7 PM in the auditeria

Friday, March 17th, End of the Third Quarter

Elmwood will present the musical "Curtains" the weekend of March 17 – 19th. The starting times are Friday and Saturday at 7 PM, and on Sunday at 3 PM. Ticket information will follow in a future newsletter.

Monday, April 10th, April Board of Education meeting

April 13 – 18th, Elmwood's Spring Break



The players and the crowd at a Boys' Varsity Basketball Game celebrate a 3-point shot.



Students who use the STARS before and after school care program showing off their Elmwood clothing.



Pep Band

2017 LITTLE LEAGUE SIGN UP DATES

Bloomdale Residents

Contact Matt Zeigler 419.601.0647

Dates: February 15th from 6-8, 18th from 8-12, 22nd from 6-8, 25th from 8-12

Location: Bloomdale Fire hall

Cygnets Residents

Contact: Patty Strickland 419.655.3933

Dates: February 18th from 11-12:30 and 25th from 11-12:30

Location: Church at the corner of Venango/Walbridge Street

Portage Residents

Contact: Brett Palmer 419.308.0844 or Miranda Williams 419.690.6756

Dates: February 11th from 9-12 and 15th from 6-8

Location: at the Township Hall building at Mermill/Huffman Road

Wayne Residents

Contact: Julie St. Clair 419.262.6928

Dates: February 15th from 6-8, 18th from 9-12 and 22nd from 6-8

Location: Wayne Library