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

Useful Links on Education and Parenting:

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents>

A great article on many ways you can help your child to become better readers.

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

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

Community Update:

Welcome to the first community newsletter. I am starting to collect email addresses and figure out exactly what to put in the newsletter. I guess I will call it a work in progress. Please share the newsletter with anyone that you feel would enjoy it and also encourage parents and community members to request to be added to the list. It is my goal to tell you about what is happening at school, celebrate students, and to provide you with useful information. In addition, I will let the community know about staff that are coming in and leaving the district.

The next Board of Education meeting is on Monday, February 13 starting at 6 PM in the middle school media center. At this meeting, the Board will accept the resignation and/or retirement for the end of the school year for Mr. Getter (HS intervention specialist), Mrs. Meyers (Elementary intervention specialist), and Mr. Wellman (HS student services). These individuals will be missed next year but we wish them well on their retirement or new endeavor. The Board will also consider the hiring of our new football coach and some technology help for the district. Once approved, I will introduce the new candidates. The Board will also accept the donation of 36 computer monitors from First Solar. I want to thank First Solar for their generous donation to the district. Finally, there also is a public discussion on a retire/rehire request from a teacher at the start of the meeting.

Elmwood Tidbits:



For the second year in a row, Elmwood Middle School has earned the Ohio Department of Education's "Momentum Award." This award is for schools who earn straight A's on all Value-Added Measures on our Local Report Card. There were only a small number of schools that earned this award for the last two years

I am pleased to announce that the District has been awarded a \$214,720 grant to purchase 3 new propane busses from the Ohio EPA. The District had to add around \$54,000 in matching funds. This is a huge win for our District and will help stretch our District budget even farther. I also want to thank the EPA for this grant opportunity. I would expect that the new busses would arrive late this summer.

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So far this school year, we have closed school 5 times and had two, 2 hour delays, for weather. I have been asked many times how the “days-too-hours” is handled for our district. According to the contracts, when school is closed for the first 5 times, the days will not be made up. Starting with day 6, the intent is to make up all remaining days when school is closed, but I have the authority to not make a day up as long as we are over the state minimum. The intent will always be to make them up unless there is a reason for me to consider otherwise.

This Friday is the Winter Homecoming and all are invited. The freshman boys’ basketball game starts at 4:45 PM with junior varsity and then varsity to follow. The Elmwood Pep Band will perform during the varsity game. There is a dance that follows for high school students only. Here is a list of the Winter Homecoming Court:

Freshman attendant is Nevaeh VanMeter

Freshman escort is Nicolas Weiss

Sophomore attendant is Katie Haughawout

Sophomore escort is Tyler St. Clair

Junior attendant is Zoe Shank

Junior escort is Tarin Bishop

Senior attendants up for Queen are: Nicole Abke, Ylse Brokking, and Brionna Camden

Senior escorts up for King are: William Frederick, Ryan Krouse, and Tayte Lentz

Congratulations to each of these students. The King and Queen will be announced before the Varsity game begins.

Upcoming Events:

No school on Monday, February 20th for President’s Day and on Monday, March 6th for teacher inservice.

We have a scheduled 2-hour delay for teacher inservice on Thursday, February 23rd.

The Elmwood 8th Graders Washington DC trip is scheduled for March 7 – 10th.

The March Board of Education meeting is Monday, March 13th.

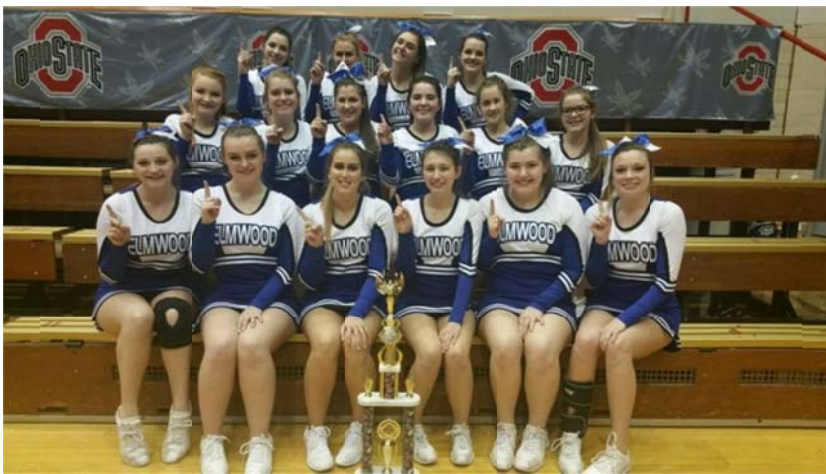
The Winter Athletic Awards is 7 PM in the auditoria on Monday, March 13th.

The end of the Third Quarter is Friday, March 17th.

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.

The April Board of Education meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, April 10th.

Elmwood’s Spring Break is scheduled for April 13 – 18th.



The Elmwood Cheerleaders took 1st at the OSU Cheer Competition on Sunday, January 29th.