



Elmwood Local Schools

“From the Desk of the Superintendent”

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Community Update and Elmwood Tidbits:

Summer heat is upon us, and we are beginning to see that the first of August is right around the corner. As August arrives, we will begin to get into full swing and be ready for opening day of school. First, I would like to say a huge thank you to our custodial crew and the work they are doing this summer to clean and prepare the building for a new school year. The building is looking great. As we prepare for next school year, please call with any questions that you may have, we are always happy to assist.

I am pleased to announce that the Elmwood Preschool has been awarded a 5 Star rating. This speaks very highly of the program that we run here at Elmwood. This rating is the highest you can receive and is a system that our program goes through every three years and is required by the State of Ohio. If you would like to know more about what this means, please contact the Elementary office or our preschool staff.

Currently we have 3 new teachers hired, and have one opening left to fill. Here are the staff changes that have happened this summer:

| OUTGOING | NEW HIRES |
|---|---------------------|
| Emilee Reed (8 th LA) | Shelby Bratt |
| Lauren Peck (Speech) | Shannon Damschroder |
| Amanda Hughes (HS Spanish) | Emily Reynolds |
| Brittany Baightel (1 st grade) | To be hired |

The Board of Education at its last meeting talked heavily about school fees and supplies that we ask from parents. While the fees were not waived, the Board is asking our administration and teachers to cut back on the supplies we ask parents to bring in. This process will take a year to fully implement since supply lists have already been sent out. We do want to get the message out that parents can remove from lists any reference to disinfectant wipes. We have them in stock and teachers can get them internally. Other items that we want to cut back on, as a way to help our parents, is paper towels and facial tissues. These are items we plan to stock up on for teachers to use. You can cut back on these items also if they are on your child's supply list. This conversation will continue over the next year with the Board and Administration.

Parents and community will notice some changes when they visit the school next year. When you come up to the 3 main entrances, you still will buzz to be let in. You should be asked more questions about why you are coming to school. Once allowed into the building, this is where the change happens. You will enter the building and will be held in a secured area. You will not be able to enter the hallway. You should approach the “speak-through” located in each secure area to talk with office staff further. They will then buzz you into the office if needed. The parents going to the middle school will follow this protocol, and will be let into the high school or elementary office. From this point, they will be able to enter the hallway and walk down to the middle school office. I understand that this may be more steps than in the past, but in today's world, school safety is of the utmost importance. We must change how we handle visitors for the safety of our staff and students. Thank you in advance for understanding.



*Elmwood High School
Class Of 2019*

Congratulations to the 2019 Graduating class of Elmwood High School!!!

BOX TOP DRIVE!!!

Elmwood Elementary PTO *Royal News*



Clip those BOX TOPS over the summer for a chance to have your 2019-2020 school fees paid!

Bring in your box tops to Elmwood's First Night on Thursday, August 19th between 4-7pm, to the PTO table set up in the cafeteria!

For every 10 you bring in, you will be entered into a drawing to have your 2019-2020 school fees covered (\$45 value). There will be **5 winners** selected.

The Elmwood Elementary Students collected over 4,000 Box Tops this past spring. Mrs. Hoffman's 3rd Grade Class collected the most and won a pizza party and the opportunity to slime Deputy Thompson. Ryder Rothenbuler (1st Grade) was the winner of the Kalahari Gift Card. Please remember to continue to collect Box Tops this summer and bring them to First Night to be entered for a chance to have your 2019-2020 school fees paid in full.



We had a few events that happened right at the end of last school year, and wanted to share some of the many things our students get to experience.

On behalf of the MS Art Department and the Spring Arts Festival

Another amazing year comes to a close, and our artists have surely topped themselves again this year. Even our judges commented on how hard it was to award ribbons because there were so many great pieces of artwork. Our big winner this year was 7th grader Riley Daniels. Riley won both 2-Dimensional and 3-

Dimensional Best of Show! Her pig painting, showcasing color blending and texture, earned her the 2-D Best of Show and her show stopping peacock sculpture really set her apart for her 3-D Best of Show. Congratulations Riley! Congratulations to award winners and all of my students. You truly make me so proud to be your teacher! Have a great summer and I will see you next year! -Mrs. Benner



Other award winners were:

1st Place:

Tegan Lewallen (7th) Sculpture, Whitney Johnson (7th) Sculpture, Tanner Pennington (8th) Sculpture, Delaney Blake (8th) Sculpture, Adam Meyer (8th) Sculpture, Riley Daniels (7th) Sculpture, Sophie Piper (8th) Sculpture, Julia Gross (8th) Sculpture, Noah Schramko (7th) Animal Painting, Riley Daniels (7th) Animal Painting, Abbie Allison (8th) Metal Repousse, Madi Lee (6th) Watercolor Landscape, Lily Nuding (8th) Portrait, Adam Meyer (8th) Portrait, Anna Meyer (8th) Portrait

2nd Place:

Scarlett Strausbaugh (7th) Animal Painting, Brooklyn Hatfield (8th) Sculpture, Katie Downard (7th) Sculpture, Caden Hamman (7th) Sculpture, Thomas Veryser (8th) Metal Repousse, Anna Meyer (8th) Layered Drawing, Tommy Curtis (8th) Portrait, Joey Gudakunst (8th) Portrait, Ema Lee (8th) Portrait, Taylor Rothenbuhler (7th) Animal

Painting, Haylee Betz (7th) Animal Painting, Sarah Best (8th) Whimsical Animal, Kaylee Zechman (6th) Op Art, Mary Dietrich (7th) Animal Painting, Havanna Holland (7th) Animal Painting

3rd Place:

Landon Snyder (5th) Hand Designs, Sophie Piper (8th) Portrait, Brooklyn Mckee (7th) Painted Animal, Faith Morgart (5th) Graffiti Name, Jakob Zibbel (7th) Painted Animal, Wyatt Zeigler (8th) Portrait, Leila-Christine Hile (8th) Metal Repousse, Ella Strausbaugh (5th) Totem Pole, Selina Deal (5th) Hand Designs, Josie Robinson (6th) Watercolor Landscapes, Cayla Frank (5th) Graffiti Name, Thomas Veryser (8th) Portrait, Tori Miller (6th) Op Art, Molly Secrist (6th) Suminagashi Form, Kayden King (6th) Suminagashi Form

On behalf of the HS Art Department and the Spring Arts Festival

This year's Spring Arts Festival showcased over 200 different pieces from glitter portraits, detailed pencil drawings, paintings of bubble gum, ceramics to sculptures. The Best of Show winners were Kylie Mossbarger for her detailed sculpture of a goat and Angel Juarez received best of show for her pencil drawing of a puppy.



Other award winners were:

1st Place:

Karson Palmer, Aurora Jordan, Jayden Jenkins, Angel Juarez, Abigail Kinder, Alyssa Bateson, Kylie Mossbarger, Audrey Dewey, Jacob Corral, Ericka Keyser, Sireniy Rubel, and Lizzy Hall.

2nd Place:

Anna Gudakunst, Jayden Jenkins, Heidi Nickols, Donovan Gallagher, Aleiya Douglas, Juan Hernandez, Ericka Keyser, Lizzy Hall, Nikki Sweet, Daniel Duvall, Ryan Telles, Garrett Wright, and Jordan Kern.

3rd Place:

Savannah Kaufman, Sandford Fraley, Heidi Nickols, Anna Veryser, Samantha DeBock, Lainey Bingham, Carly Dibling, Ava Bloom, Madison Schoder, Emily Boes, Nina Zibble, Makaylee Rochaviak and Britney Rivera.



International Students Visit Elmwood's 7th Grade

Several college students from The University of Findlay provided cultural presentations to the students. The Guests represented a number of different nationalities including India, Nigeria, Kenya, and an American student who has traveled to 3 different continents. The visit was orchestrated as a way to instill middle school students with global awareness of international cultures. According to Mary Deitrich, a student in the class, *"The students coming to our school helped us be more open to other cultures and gave us an opportunity to understand their standards before we pass judgements. I think their visit really opened our minds and gave us some insight to take into consideration."*



The high school Advanced PE and Rec Sports class traveled to the Toledo Mud Hens game



ELMWOOD LOCAL SCHOOLS and

Clothes Bin® have partnered to collect and recycle old clothing, shoes and textiles!

So, please do not throw them away!

Just place the items in the **green** recycling bin in our parking lot.

Every pound of recycled items supports our school!

Below is a list of items that can be placed in our bin:

Clothing: pants, jeans, skirts, dresses, suits, shorts, shirts, tees, tanks

Footwear: shoes, boots, heels, sneakers, sandals, socks, tights

Undergarments: bras, underwear, slippers, camisoles

Accessories: hats, belts, ties, scarves, headbands

Handbags: wallets, totes, luggage, backpacks, briefcases

Linens: towels, sheets, comforters, blankets, tablecloths

As you clean out the old and bring in the new, **you** can help the environment and Elmwood Local Schools too!



Upcoming Events:

Monday, August 12th, Board of Education meeting @ 6 PM in the MS Media Center

Monday, August 19th, First Night (open house) from 4:00PM – 7:00 PM throughout the buildings

Wednesday, August 21st, First day of school

Monday, August 26th, Picture Day

Monday, September 2nd, NO SCHOOL for Labor Day Holiday

Saturday, September 7th, Band Spectacular at 6 PM in the Football Stadium

Monday, September 9th, Board of Education meeting @ 6 PM in the MS Media Center

Monday, September 16th, 2 hour delay for staff inservice

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