



Elmwood Local Schools

“From the Desk of the Superintendent”

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Days/Hours Missed Status

# days missed	7
# 2 hour delays	4
# days to make up	2
Make up dates with Students	Thursday, June 1 st and Friday, June 2 nd

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

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

Community Update:

We are well underway for the state testing that is required for students in grade 3 through high school. It is really a shame that we spend so much time on testing to meet state and federal requirements. A work group in Ohio is seriously looking at all of this testing and going to make recommendations to the State Board of Education and our legislators of needed changes. My hope is that some reasonable changes come from this work group that benefits all kids here in Ohio.

We have now missed day 7 and will need to makeup two days. My plan is for us to be in session through Friday, June 2nd. If we miss additional days that I need to makeup, we would look at Monday, June 5th and go from there. I have been asked about the spring break option. At this point in the year, I will not be using spring break unless we would miss a lot of days between now and then. I am doing my best to stay away from Spring Break so that staff and families can get some time away. With the States new hour rules, I have to watch hours of instruction for everyone, preschool to grade 12. We do have some hours I am a little worried about, which is why I can tell you that we will make up the first two dates for sure. Please keep an eye on the chart to the left as it will be updated as we continue through the year.

With the last day we closed, we missed our first opportunity for all Juniors to take the State funded ACT here on campus. This test will now be administered on Wednesday, April 19th using the same setup as our previous plans.

I thought I would take a minute to remind everyone that our Board of Education meetings are open to the public and we really appreciate when a community member stops in to see one of our meetings in action. I think if everyone would take this opportunity to attend one meeting, they would be surprised at what the Board has to vote on and the decision that they are required to make. We allow a public comment time at the start of every meeting. While the Board probably will not comment during the meeting, we all take the comments very seriously. The Board listens to these concerns and I usually get the task of looking into the issue and reporting back to the Board.

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Our last Board meeting was Monday, March 13th and the following items were approved:

- *Out-of-state trip for 6th grade to go to Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan.
- *The rehire after official retirement for Linda Treier for the 2017-2018 school year. She will continue as a middle school teacher.
- *Kim Garner to add extra hours in the Café in addition to her bus driving hours.
- *Hired substitute positions for the district. (we can always use more)
- *Hired our remaining track coaches for this school year
- *2017-2018 Open enrollment Policy (no changes)

Elmwood Tidbits:



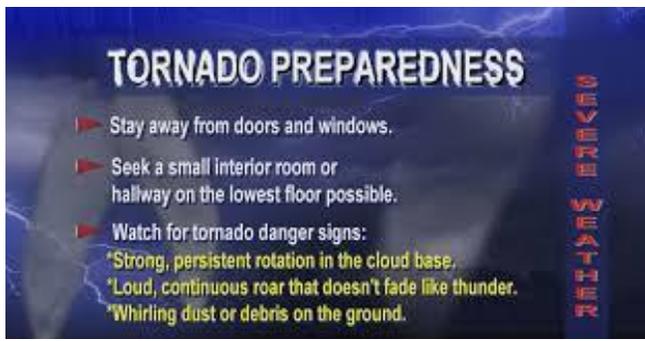
Two charter busses full of Elmwood 8th graders were able to take a wonderful trip to our nation's capital, Washington D.C., from March 7-10. The students represented the Elmwood community with utmost respect throughout the trip

and we hope they were able to take away memories and knowledge to last a lifetime. While in Washington D.C., students visited ten memorials, the White House, Ford's Theatre, Capitol, Supreme Court, Smithsonian Museums, Arlington National Cemetery, and Mount Vernon. While at Arlington National Cemetery, four Elmwood students (Madison Hoiles, Elijah Reynolds, Baret Coleman, and Madison Daniels) had the honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We're proud to be able to give our students the opportunity to personally experience America's history. A special thank-you to the staff that planned and attended this event with our students.

At this time, we are enrolling preschool and kindergarten students for the 2017-18 school year. Packets are available online, in the elementary office, and in central office. Once completed, please call for an appointment to bring the packet and required paperwork to central office where all registrations are handled. We would like all registrations completed by April 12th. All students entering kindergarten will be enrolled once all proper paperwork is turned in. Whereas preschool acceptance is not guaranteed and is dependent on many factors. Those accepted into the preschool program will be notified at a later date.



The cast and crew of the musical, *Curtains*, did an awesome job and I would like to congratulate them. I attended all three performances and absolutely enjoyed the performance each time. This group of students worked so hard and it showed. These type events are not possible without adult support and I would personally like to thank them for the time they committed to help make this a success.



Spring has sprung, and we are now in season for thunderstorms and tornadoes. While your children are at school, the district leadership team takes incoming weather seriously. I get an email from the Wood County EMA Director anytime they are calling for issues with the weather. In addition, I have a weather radio in my office that tells us of the watches and warnings in our area. Finally, the district has three portable radios that give us access to the Wood County Sheriff's Office 911

dispatch center at all times. These radios can be used for any emergency situation. When they call for bad weather, the team meets and prepares for the event. To help the students feel more at ease, we are now practicing tornado drills each month also. With these drills, we review our safety protocol with them.



The elementary just completed the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart Activity. The elementary students participating in this week long activity were able to raise just over \$6000 for the American Heart Association. The first picture shows third grade Jackson Molnar jumping. The second picture is of Mrs. Giesige's third grade class, and finally the last picture is third grader, Aiden Senters signing our "in honor of American Heart Association" poster.

HS Baseball, HS softball, and HS/MS track are underway. Please see our website or an office here at school for a game schedule.



The student section at our basketball games is called “The Royal Rowdies” and they were one of four finalist for the OHSAA’s Golden Megaphone Award. This award goes to the school that had the student section with the most spirit and sportsmanship when the girl’s or boy’s basketball teams were on the floor. Group representatives were able to travel to Columbus on March 24th to receive our banner. I special thank you to the two advisors, Mrs. Brunswick and Mrs. Lentz, for overseeing this activity with our students.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, April 2nd, HS and MS Cheerleading Tryouts

Monday, April 10th, April Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, April 11th, Red Cross Blood Drive located in the HS gym from 7 AM until 3:30 PM

Wednesday, April 12th, Staff and Families in the Elmwood School District are encouraged to “Wear Blue to School or Work” in recognition of Ohio’s Child Abuse Prevention Month.

April 13 – 18th, Elmwood’s Spring Break

Wednesday, April 19th, All Juniors take the ACT test

April 19th-21st, 5th Grade Camp at Heartland Camp

Monday, April 24th, Parent Presentation at 6 PM on the cyber-world and social media in relationship to our kids. More information to come.

Sunday, April 30th, Elmwood Band presents its annual Jazz Supper.

Tuesday, May 2nd, Election Day

Saturday, May 6th, Junior/Senior Prom

Monday, May 8th, Elmwood Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, May 18th, Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony at 6:30 PM

Sunday, May 21st, Spring Arts Festival from 1 PM until 5:00 PM

Monday, May 29th, No School for Memorial Day

Thursday, June 1st, Makeup date, all in session

Friday, June 2nd, Makeup date, all in session

Sunday, June 4th, Elmwood’s Graduation Ceremony at 2 PM