



Elmwood Local Schools

“From the Desk of the Superintendent”

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Community Update and Elmwood Tidbits:

I have really noticed that the air is getting colder. I am not sure that I am ready for winter. One thing for certain is that it comes, regardless if we are ready. This will probably be the last newsletter before Thanksgiving Break so I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday and hope you get some time to relax. I also hope you spend time with family and get to eat all the wonderful Thanksgiving food that is traditional of this time of year. I know I am looking forward to spending time with my kids and extended family. I know the food will be great, and I will get to enjoy some football.

The next Elmwood Board of Education Meeting is Monday, November 20th at 6 PM in the middle school library. As a reminder, 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.

Congratulations to Brian King (re-elected) and Kristen Endicott (new member) for being elected to the Elmwood Board of Education starting in January 2018 for a 4 year term. This would also be a great time to thank outgoing Board member David Knisely and his dedication and time that he has given the Elmwood District through his service on the Board. Dave spent 20 years during two different stints on the Board. Starting in January, the Board of Education members will be Brian King, Kristen Endicott, Melanie Davis, Debbie Reynolds, and Ryan Lee. I want to thank this group for their willingness to serve the Elmwood Community.


A UNIVERSAL SOLUTION TO AN URGENT PROBLEM

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has classified prescription drug abuse as an epidemic.



Health care providers wrote **259 million** opioid prescriptions in 2012



70% remain unused and available for abuse

Every day, **2,500** new kids begin abusing opioids



3 out of 4 people with a heroin dependence began with prescription opioids

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National Institute on Drug Abuse



Balanced Pain Management



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The Wood County ESC was awarded a Drug Free Coalition Grant and one of the things they are sponsoring is a drug take back program. The program uses a company called Deterra, which manufactures drug deactivation pouches. To use the pouches, put your used medicines (pills, patches, and liquids) in the bag. Then fill the bag to the desired line with water and seal the bag. Next, you shake the bag and throw the package in the trash. The medicine is now deactivated and the bag and contents are safe for the environment. With today's heroin epidemic, we need to get unused painkillers and other drugs out of the house before they fall in the wrong hands. The grant has purchased three sizes of the pouches, and all are now available in my office. The larger pouch is good for up to 90 pills, while the medium package is better for up to 45 pills, and finally, the small kit is used for about 15 pills. These pouches, which are used for destroying medicines, are free if you would like one. Please stop by the Central Office to pick one up. I have a limited supply, and they are available on a first come basis. I am hoping to get more from the grant if these run out. On a side note, the Wood County Sheriff's Office also has a container to drop off unwanted pills.

I have been asked to share information about the community spring softball open gym taking place this winter in the Community Center Gym. It will start on Sunday, December 17th. The open gym is for any girl in grades 4th through 8th that is interested. For more information, please contact Matt Hoiles at mhoiles@callies.com or Juston Galbraith at galby2404@yahoo.com. The open gym time for grades 6th, 7th, and 8th is 4:00-5:30 PM and the open gym time for grades 4th and 5th is 5:30-7:00 PM.

The Elementary PTO's Box Top drive that I wrote about in my previous editions was a success. Any homeroom that collected over a set amount was awarded a class cider and donut party. The classrooms earning this award were Mrs. Duncan (4th), Mrs. Morlock (2nd), Mrs. Fitch (K), and Mrs. Carter's (4th).



Each School district is required to have a Wellness Policy that is part of our comprehensive wellness initiative. The policy covers our nutrition standards, standards for students' physical activity, and good eating habits. To give the students the most benefit to a healthy lifestyle, our parents and community must also promote, support, and model such healthy behaviors and habits. Anyone in our community can view the wellness policy by contacting me in the Central Office. In addition, any community member is a potential stakeholder and they have the right to participate in the policy review, help with the update process, view the latest assessment of the policy, and finally to implement the policy.

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For many years, we have worked with the Community Learning Centers (STARS) to give parents an option for before and after school care that stresses school enrichment, homework help, physical activity, and most of all fun. Please contact them directly if you are interested in this program for your child.



Red Ribbon week was a success at Elmwood! The theme for this year's Red Ribbon Week was "Your Future Is Key, Stay Drug-Free." The entire school participated in a spirit week. We had varying activities that were hosted in classrooms in partnership with our Prevention Specialist, Bethany Evans, from the Wood County Educational Service Center and our School Resource Officer, Deputy Thompson. Many of our students took the pledge to stay drug-free. Some of the students had the honor of meeting with a K9 officer from the Fostoria Police Department to see a demonstration. Our Middle School Counselor, Nick Davis, was the bait, and as you can see, there were no hard feelings!

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



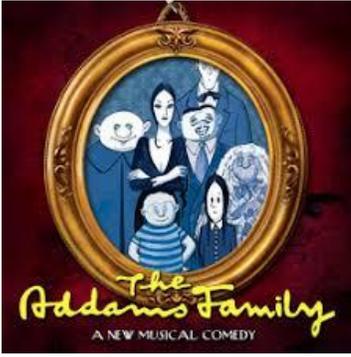
Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Elmwood High School Junior Class. Come in to the Chipotle at **1558 East Wooster Street** in Bowling Green on **Thursday, November 30th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Elmwood High School Junior Class.



If placing an order online during your fundraiser, please note you must choose the pay in-store option and inform our cashier of your participation before paying. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

Here is another fundraising opportunity. This time with the Junior Class/Prom Committee. Don't forget that the Music Booster's fundraiser that was previously mentioned is this Wednesday, November 15th from 4-8 PM also at Chipotle.

Parent Teacher Conferences this year are a couple weeks later and tied to Thanksgiving Break. We would love your feedback on this concept once conferences are done so that we can make a decision to stay or change back for next year. You can email those comments to me and I will share with our internal staff. I am a little torn on this issue as I see benefits and disadvantages both ways.



It was just announced that our Musical this year is The Addams Family: The Musical. The actual performances will happen March 16th, 17th, and 18th in the Community Center Auditorium. More details to come as we get closer to the actual event dates.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, November 16th, 4th Grade Music Performance at 6:30 PM in CC Auditorium

Thursday, November 16th, National Honor Society Induction Ceremony at 7 PM in the Auditoria

Monday, November 20th, Elmwood Board of Education meeting at 6 PM in the MS Media Center

Monday, November 20th, Parent Teacher Conferences from 12 PM - 7 PM, No School for Students

Tuesday, November 21st, Parent Teacher Conferences from 8 AM - 3 PM, No School for Students

November 22-24, Thanksgiving Break, No School

December 4th – 8th, Santa's Secret Shop in the Elementary

Thursday, December 7th, 2nd Grade Music Performance at 6:30 PM in CC Auditorium

Sunday, December 10th, HS Choir's Madrigal Dinner at 5 PM, presale tickets required

Monday, December 11th, Elmwood Board of Education at 6 PM

Tuesday, December 12th, DARE Graduation for 5th Graders at 1 PM in the CC Auditorium

Tuesday, December 12th, Band's Holiday Concert at 7 PM

December 21st - January 3rd, Winter Break, No School

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