



Elmwood Local Schools

"From the Desk of the Superintendent"

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Community Update and Elmwood Tidbits:

The new school year is going smoothly. The students are settling into their routine and the teachers are hard at work teaching their required curriculum. I really enjoy this time of the year. It is filled with new beginnings, new expectations, and new hopes. Everyone, teachers and students, get to start with a clean slate. As a reminder to our parents and community, the school is here for you. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do for you or if you need answers to something happening here at school. We are glad to help in any way possible.

I want to apologize that it has taken some time to get this first newsletter of the school year out. The start of the school year is hectic and I have been busy handling the many issues that come with the start of the year. This newsletter is on the shorter side and I am always seeking ideas to write about. If you have questions or ideas that you would like addressed, please email those ideas to me.



In May, the 7th graders attended the Mud Hens game and while there, our school was selected to receive a \$1000 grant from the Mud Hens to enhance the education of students at that grade level.

The next meeting of the Elmwood Board of Education will be Monday, October 9th. The meeting is at 6 PM in the middle school media center. The November meeting will be Monday, November 20th. Finally, to finish the calendar year, the December meeting will be Monday, December 11th.



The elementary collects "Box Tops for Education" each school year. We are asking all families to collect the box tops and turn them into your child's teacher or the elementary office if you do not have kids in the elementary. Throughout the year, they will have contests and drawings to encourage participation. The current contest is to see what homeroom brings in a total of 1,500 box tops the fastest. The winning team will win a donut and cider party. This year the

elementary would like to raise over \$5000 through the Box Top for Education Program. You can help the elementary reach this goal by donating your box tops from over 250 products (listed at BTFE.com/products). Please contact the elementary for details and questions.



Elmwood High School Teacher Selected to Teach an Agriscience Professional Development Institute

Krysteena Lawrence, agriscience educator at **Elmwood High School** recently served as a Lead Teacher for an 8 day professional development institute at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York with 13 pre-service participants from across the country. Participants traveled from New Jersey, New York, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ohio

to participate in this excellent opportunity for intense professional development. The institute provided experience in a full year of curriculum for Introduction to Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources; Principles of Agricultural Science. The curriculum was written by Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE).

CASE is committed to providing career-changing professional development opportunities. CASE Institutes are intense professional development programs for each CASE course. These experiences lead teachers through the rigors of the curriculum examining every aspect of the pedagogy and laboratory procedures. CASE Institutes are facilitated by practicing CASE teachers that bring a wealth of implementation strategies and intangibles to enrich the experiences of CASE Institute participants.

CASE Institute instructors are called Lead and Master Teachers. They have specific roles and responsibilities for facilitating an institute. Each year on the third weekend in April, CASE holds Lead Teacher Orientation. At this professional development session, teachers who have been selected to lead CASE Institutes meet to gain skills in facilitating professional development and classroom instruction, develop team assignments, and work collaboratively with other agriculture teachers from across the nation. Much like a CASE Institute, Lead Teacher Orientation provides over twenty hours of professional development to Lead Teachers during the three days of Lead Teacher Orientation.

“I absolutely love how CASE has transformed my classroom and curriculum. It has allowed me to facilitate student learning through inquiry-based activities and hands on labs. Students are not only learning content, but skills that they will use in business and industry making them more marketable to future employers.” said Lawrence.

Eight Elmwood FFA members received their State FFA Degrees. Mason Benschoter, Kendra Stewart, Kayla Holbrook, Naomi Wenz, Andrew Housholder, Kalli Fisk, Justine Hill, and Luke Hagemeyer received their State FFA Degrees at the final session of Ohio FFA Convention. This is the highest degree the State of Ohio can award to an FFA member. It recognizes outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experience projects, FFA achievements and activities, school and community activities, and finally scholarship. Fewer than 2 percent of all FFA members will ever receive this honor.



Elmwood High School's Yearbook staff is already busy preparing the yearbook for this school year. This year's members are: Allison Drees, Makayla Martinez, Jena Sidle, Chaillee Coleman, Brandy Grilliot, Kiersten Herrig, Ashley Gardner, Madison Lyons, Kaitlyn Porter.

You can pre-order your 2017-2018 Yearbooks on or before October 13th to receive "FOUR, FREE ICONS" of your choice when you purchase personalization! Order forms have been sent home with students. The cost this year is **\$50.00**. Please **"Make**

Checks Payable To": Elmwood Local Schools. Delivery of the yearbook will be August 2018.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, September 29th, Elementary Fall Festival in cooperation with the High School FFA program

Monday, October 9th, Elmwood Board of Education meeting at 6 PM

Wednesday, October 11th, Choir Students to Toledo Opera, leaving at 4 PM

Tuesday, October 17th, Two hour delay for teacher in-service

Tuesday, October 17th, High School Financial Aid Informational Night

Friday, October 20th, End of 1st Quarter

October 24th and 25th, 3rd Grade Reading State Testing

October 25th through 28th, FFA National Convention@ Indianapolis, Indiana

Thursday, October 26th, 5th Grade's Sauder Village Field Trip

Tuesday, November 7th, Election Day—Remember to vote!!!!

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