



Elmwood Local Schools

“From the Desk of the Superintendent”

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Community Update and Elmwood Tidbits:

The start of the school year has been very smooth. Our students are wonderful and they have really settled into the routine. The teachers are already hard at work on the curriculum that we need to cover this year. With the start of the new school year, I want to take a moment to thank our parents and community for their support, and remind them that my staff is here to assist in any way we can. I personally am always happy to meet or address any concerns you have. Please give me a call or email if you have something to address with me.

Are you looking for a part time job and want to help the school out? We are in need of subs for all jobs here in the district. We are in need of sub help for custodial, bus driving, secretarial, aides, teachers, and cafeteria. If interested, please give Central Office a call and we will work you through the process. Many of our sub jobs can eventually lead to full time employment in the district.

On Tuesday, November 5th, the Elmwood Community will be voting for three open spots on the Elmwood Board of Education. For these three open spots, we have four candidates running. The following is from the Wood County Board of Elections website on our candidates:

Elmwood Local School District Board of Education *Three to be Elected*

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 Ryan Lee PO Box 57 Jerry City Ohio 43437
 Jeremie Pennington 8269 Mermill Rd. Wayne Ohio 43466
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REMEMBER—GET OUT AND VOTE!!!!!!



Did you know that Elmwood School’s current enrollment for preschool through 12th grade is 1,299 students? Our district covers just over 110 square miles of territory. We put 10 regular route buses, 2 buses that run to Bowling Green, and 1 bus to Penta Career Center on the road every morning. In addition, we have 4 buses that run midday Preschool routes. These buses move just under 900 kids every day. Our bus fleet just earned a 3-Star **Ohio Green Fleet** rating. This is because we now run 7 propane buses, which is better for the environment.



A few years ago, the Wood County ESC received a Drug Free Coalition Grant. 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 you put your used medicines (pills, patches, and liquids) in the bag. Then you fill the bag to the desired line with water and seal the bag. Next, you shake the bag and then throw the package in the trash. This process deactivates the medicine, which makes the bag and contents 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 two sizes of the pouches, and both are still available in my office here at Elmwood. The larger pouch is good for up to 90 pills, while the smaller package is better for up to 45 pills. The Deterra pouches are free if you would like one. Please stop by 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 Department in Bowling Green also has a container to drop off unwanted pills.

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. We allow a public comment time at the start of every meeting. While the Board probably will not comment on public participation during the meeting, we take the comments very seriously. The Board listens to these concerns and assigns the appropriate person in the district to look into these concerns.



Linus and Reed, our two therapy dogs, work in the Elmwood hallways this year.

A graduate student at BGSU is doing a study on energy drinks and she needs our parent's help. Here is the information from her:

Are you concerned about energy drink use among your students and/or their peers? Would your child like to win a \$15 Amazon gift card? I am conducting a survey for my Master's Project in Food and Nutrition at Bowling Green State University to understand the behaviors and adverse effects associated with the consumption of energy drinks among the adolescent population. If you would be willing to allow your child to participate, it is quick and easy! You can start the process by clicking or copying the link into your browser: <https://bit.ly/2y2lRym>. The process begins with a consent form that explains how the survey works. Then at the end, you can give consent for your student to participate. Your child will then be sent an email to the address you provided inviting them to participate. If they agree to participate, they will be presented with the questions. All answers will be anonymous and will not be tied to you, your child, or school in any way. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Rechelle Bischoff, at 419-966-1762 or rmbisch@bgsu.edu.



The Royal Rowdies have returned!!!

Upcoming Events:

Monday, September 9th, Board of Education meeting @ 7 PM in the MS Media Center

Monday, September 16th, 2 hour delay for staff in-service

Monday, September 16th, WWII European Trip Information meeting @ 7 PM in HS room 136

Friday, October 4th, Homecoming Festivities at Football game @ 7 PM in the stadium

Monday, October 14th, Board of Education meeting @ 6 PM in the MS Media Center

Tuesday, November 5th, Election Day—Get out and Vote!!!

Tuesday, November 5th, Sounds of the Stadium Band Concert @ 7 PM in HS Gym

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