



Elmwood Local Schools

“From the Desk of the Superintendent”

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Community Update and Elmwood Tidbits:

It is a great time of the year. I love watching the student’s anticipation of Christmas and of the holiday break that will be here soon. The students are off school from Saturday December 21st through Monday, January 6th. Monday the 6th is not a day off because of a holiday, but a student day off for teacher inservice and workday. The staff will warmly welcome the students back for second semester on Tuesday, December 7th bright and early in the morning.



To help get everyone in the holiday spirit, our different level of choir and band students are preparing for their upcoming performances. It is such a busy time as we prepare for the holidays. I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and the best of times in the New Year. In conclusion, make sure we take time to think of our fellow community members during this time of giving. Check in on each other and make sure we are a community of support for one another.



The prom committee has a fundraiser on Tuesday, January 7th from 10:30AM until 10:00 PM at City BBQ in Findlay. City BBQ will give the prom committee 25% of the sales if you bring the following picture with you.

Elmwood High School
Junior and Senior Prom 2020
Tuesday, January 7, 2020
from 10:30-10:00 p.m.

Over the past couple of editions of my newsletters, I have shared pictures of our 7th grade students and the chance to meet people from different cultures in a cultural exchange program through the University of Findlay. In this edition, the 7th graders learned from a group of students from the Czech Republic. Here is the write up and pictures:

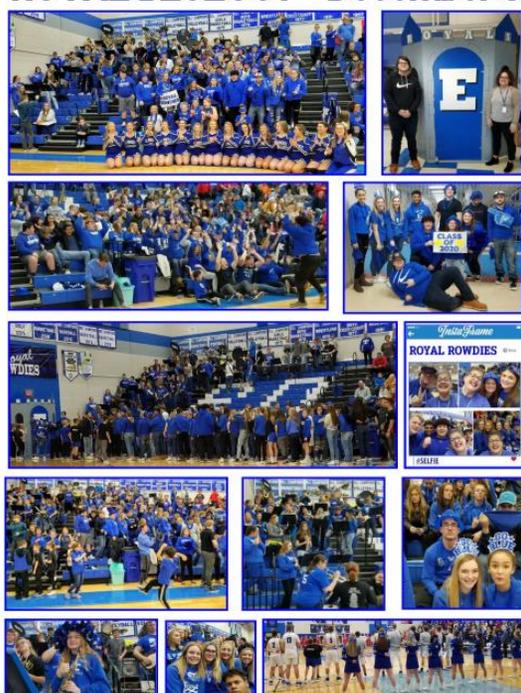
Czech Republic Cultural Exchange

Two college students from the Czech Republic spent the day sharing a cultural presentation to 7th graders. This visit was part of a broader partnership with The University of Findlay to instill a global mindset. The presentation focused on a variety of subjects ranging from cuisine to Czech language. Lila Seedorf, an Elmwood 7th grader, mentioned, "Czech people have a special dish that they eat frequently. It includes beef, lemon, bread dumplings, cranberries, and whip cream." Abigail Heilman also had this to say about the Czech alphabet, "We learned that they use the same letters that we use, but they also have a couple of new letters. The new letters have a symbol above them and they have a different sound when you say them."



Our Winter sports season is in full swing; this includes girls and boys basketball and wrestling. Best of luck to each of our teams. Here is a couple pictures from the Royal Rowdies at games over the past couple of weeks.

ROYAL BLUEOUT - December 6



December 5 BLACKOUT



Our High School Spanish classes/club did an activity with our kindergarteners and first grade students earlier this year. The high schoolers showed the younger ones how to make sugar skulls in addition to reading them a short cartoon story about the Day of the Dead. Here are some of their creations:





Our High School Quiz Bowl team has been busy over the past month or so. Their members are: Emily Boes, Dylan Gheen, Kaylie Kingory, Kyler Hiser, Karson Palmer, and Tad-Hopkins-Fawcett (not pictured).

The quiz bowl team has completed their TV tournaments for the year. They competed at the WBGU's Brain Game and NBC 24's Academic Challenge (picture shows our team and TV anchor—our own Jay Hannah, an Elmwood Graduate). The

Quiz Bowl Team is also competing in the newly formed NBC High School Quiz Bowl League this year.

We continue to work with students to have them college or career ready. We have many high paying jobs that do not require a 4-year college degree that cannot be filled. As a school district, we work with students to see that there are great options for students who do or do not want to attend college. We want them to understand that a college degree is no longer the only option. Many businesses will hire without a degree, but they help your child pay for the degree once employed. Today's students have so many options and we need students to understand all of them. Here is a link to a great story about acing the college and career idea with no college debt. The link is: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/markcperna/2019/11/21/how-to-ace-college-and-a-career-with-no-student-debt-a-millennials-story/>

Upcoming Events:

December 21st through January 5th, NO School-Christmas Break

Monday, January 6th, NO School- Teacher Inservice

Tuesday, January 7th, Students return to school

Monday, January 13th, Elmwood Board of Education @ 5:30 PM in MS Media Center

Monday, January 20th, NO School-MLK Day

Friday, January 31st, HS Homecoming Game and Dance

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