



ELMWOOD LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Elmwood Happenings 1/17/2024

Greetings Elmwood Community,

Welcome back. Christmas is over, and we are in the new year. Happy 2024 to each and every one of you. I hope you enjoyed your time off and had time to relax. While Christmas is in our rearview mirror, this newsletter will still be covering some things we did prior to break. We are excited to begin the second half of the school year. It has been an odd year in the fact that we had our first weather delay this past week. At times, winter weather puts us in a no-win situation. The snow does not come at 3 AM making it an easier call. Forecasts can be wrong. We are typically conservative and error on the side of caution, but we also need to get school days in as well. It is a tough balancing act. Please remember that parents have the final word on whether or not students come to school, practice, or attend other activities. If you are uncomfortable with putting your child on the road or on a bus due to the conditions, just let your building secretary or the person in charge of the activity know. We will support your decision.

1. USA News recently published their 2024 Best Elementary Schools and Best Middle Schools rankings, and the news is good for Elmwood. Our elementary earned a Best Elementary School badge and our Middle School earned a Best Middle School badge because they place among the top 40% of their school type in the state.

Here's a look at what USA news published about our district, including the new rankings:

<https://www.usnews.com/education/k12/elementary-schools/ohio/district-108407>

<https://www.usnews.com/education/k12/middle-schools/ohio/district-108407>

You can find more information about U.S. News Best Elementary Schools and Best Middle Schools -- including methodology, badge eligibility, promotional options, and how to access the rankings -- on this Best Schools information page.

2. One of my favorite things to write about is when one of our students are in an activity outside of school. Today's article features Hazel Lafontaine, a 1st grader here at Elmwood. Hazel has been learning dance for the past 4 years. This year, for the first time, Hazel danced in The Nutcracker All Jazzed Up, which is a ballet presented by Julie's Dance Studio in Bowling Green. The performance took place at Owens College, Center for Fine & Performing Arts back in late November. Hazel's role this year was dancing to "Milton The Christmas Mouse" and being a storybook character listening to a shortened version of the Nutcracker and then sent off to bed to begin the show. She loves dancing and enjoyed the experience so much, she is already talking about next year having more roles and more dances in their performances.



3. I would like to introduce our three newest Board of Education Members. We are thankful for these people willing to step up and handle this very important role that every school district in Ohio is required by law to have. They sometimes must make very difficult decisions. In addition, the last two, are our returning board members so that you have all 5 of their information in one place.



Brian Arnold

A 1988 Elmwood graduate

Married to Monica ('98) and they have 3 children

His career is manufacturing and works for Southeastern Container, Inc.

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Term expires December 31st, 2027



Nate Heiser

Married to Alexis and they have 2 children

He owns and operates his own businesses

Volunteers as a coach for the biddy wrestling program

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Term expires December 31st, 2027



Sarah Simon

A 2003 Elmwood graduate

Married to Drew and they have 2 children

Her career is teaching and works for Ohio Virtual Academy

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Term expires December 31st, 2027

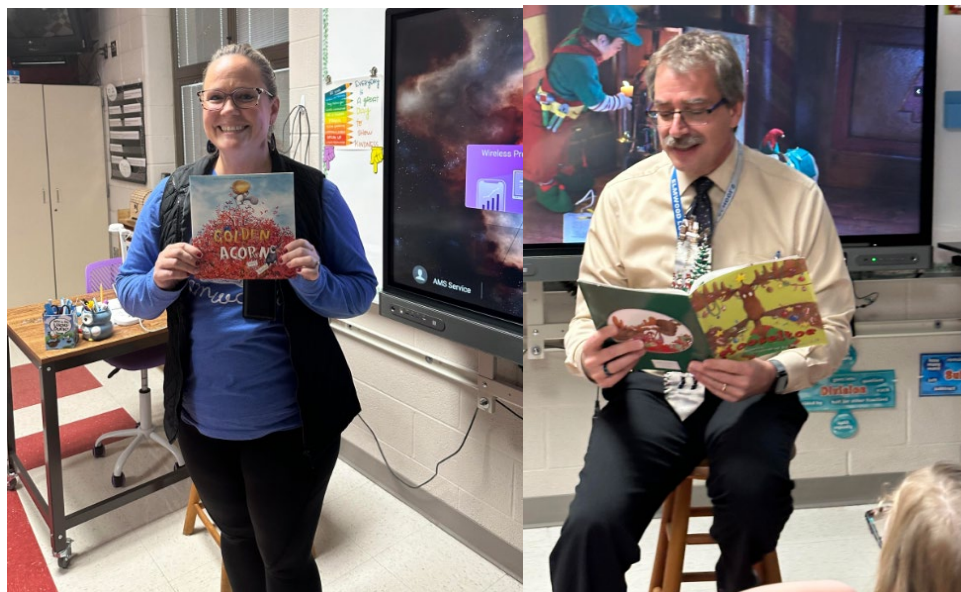


Jeremie Pennington
Board President for 2024
Has been on the Board since 3-14-2022
Married to Renee ('00) and they have 3 children
His career is agriculture and works for Heritage Cooperative
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Term expires December 31st, 2025



Ryan Lee
Board Vice President for 2024
Has been on the board since 1-1-2012
A 1994 Elmwood graduate
Married to Cora ('96) and they have 3 children
His career is educational administration and is Director for Penta Career Center
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Term expires December 31st, 2025

4. Each year, Mrs. Hoffman's third grade class invites in guest readers to read a book to the students throughout the school year. I had the pleasure of reading to them, and so did our elementary secretary, Mrs. Scherley. This is always one of my favorite things to do each year.



Here are a few upcoming events for students and/or family that you may want to be aware of:

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| • Thursday, January 18 th | End of 2 nd Quarter |
| • Friday, January 19 th | 2 Hour Delay for Teacher Inservice |
| • Monday, February 5 th | Special Board meeting @ 5 PM |
| • Tuesday, February 6 th | Elementary PTO meeting @ 7 PM |
| • Saturday, February 10 th | Parents Night for HS Boys Basketball |
| • Monday, February 12 th | Elmwood Board of Education Meeting @ 5:30 PM |
| • Wednesday, February 14 th | Happy Valentine's Day |
| • Wednesday, February 14 th | Red Cross Blood Drive on Campus |
| • Thursday, February 15 th | Parents Night for HS Girls Basketball |
| • Monday, February 19 th | NO SCHOOL-Presidents' Day |
| • Saturday, February 24 th | Elementary PTO Bakery Bingo @ 5 PM |
| • Tuesday, February 27 th | ACT testing for Juniors (Online Learning-Grades 9 th ,
10 th ,12 th) |

Tony Borton, Superintendent

