

Greetings Elmwood Community,

We continue to struggle with covid and our case numbers. We are seeing a very slight improvement, but it continues to be a large task to handle for my staff. Please understand that with our current caseload, it is not possible to contact trace like we were doing in the past. If your family wants added protection, wearing a mask can help with lowering their risk of catching covid. Our goal is to maintain in person learning, and we have been able to do that this year.

1. The Elmwood Board of Education has set their monthly board meeting schedule. The meeting dates will remain on the second Monday of the month in the Auditoria. The only change is that the starting time for our meetings will now be 5:30 PM. The Board has the right to altar these dates throughout the year to fit their schedules, but we do our best to keep it on our planned date and time.
2. In an earlier newsletter, I told you that the high school quiz bowl team had competed in NBC 24's Academic Challenge and that the match would air on TV. The air date has been shared, and it will be Saturday, February 5th at 9 AM on channel 24.



3. The National Honor Society is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, February 16th here at school from 8 AM until 1 PM. The registration link to be a donor is: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ELMWOODHS>
4. The 5th Grade class recently held their annual D.A.R.E. Graduation Ceremony led by Elmwood's School Resource Officer, Deputy Thompson. The motto for this organization is: "D.A.R.E. envisions a world in which students everywhere are empowered to respect others and choose to lead lives free from violence, substance use, and other dangerous behaviors." The D.A.R.E. program is all about teaching student's decision making for safe and healthy living. Elmwood's students completed 10 weeks of lessons and wrote a DARE report as a culmination to the program. Aurora Martinez, Mackenzie Beltz, Lane Benschoter, and Piper Murray's reports were chosen to be read at the graduation ceremony. During the ceremony, we were blessed to be supported by Wood County Sheriff, Mark Wasylshyn and many other law enforcement personnel. Thank you, Deputy Thompson, for sharing your love, knowledge and sense of humor with our 5th Grade students!



- The District is putting on an internet safety workshop for parents TONIGHT. This workshop will cover the latest trends and online risks that our children face in today's digital world. All parents need to understand the danger of what children can access on the internet and social media apps. This event is free for parents and community members only. Students will not be allowed to attend. The event will take place in the auditorium in the Community Center tonight starting at 6 PM. To live stream the event, please click on this link: <https://youtu.be/btpoRZbzG80>

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Have a good week. I am hearing the second half of winter will bring us much more snow. We are going into this stretch in a good place as we have only closed school one time due to the weather. Any weather delays and closings are announced via an alert email and phone call. In addition, it is scrolling on the three tv stations. Finally, I use Twitter to also announce our status. As a parent, if you disagree with my decision, you may keep a child home. Just call your child's office to make sure we know why your child is at home that day.

Tony Borton, Superintendent