



ELMWOOD LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Elmwood Happenings 10/25/2023

Greetings Elmwood Community,

Today is the last day of the first nine weeks. Hard to believe that a quarter of the year is already over. The year goes by so fast. Please reach out to your child's teachers if you have any questions or concerns about their progress. Finally, please make sure you are keeping your child's lunch account with money if you do not get free or reduced lunches. We are seeing student debt start to increase. It is important for the families to pay for their child's meals here at school for those who are full pay. If you are struggling to pay for the meals, it is never to late to fill out a Free/Reduced Application.



1. Over a year ago, Elmwood had a chance to work with BioFit Engineered Products. Our roll was to provide feedback on different prototypes of folding booth student tables for cafeteria or large group settings. They had many versions of the tables, and we gave feedback on what we liked and what we saw as potential issues that schools would run into if they were produced. The staff that helped with this got to see how a product is developed and how market research is done to develop a new product.

After a lot of research, BioFit had their final versions and they produced a few tables to make sure that they can be produced at their factory. For the time we worked with them, BioFit donated one of the pre-production units to the District. The donation is greatly appreciated and we have put the table in our middle school media center and it has become one of the kids favorite places. It has electricity on the end of the table for kids to use. The great thing for us is the table folds up and can be rolled to new locations with little work.

It is absolutely wonderful when we are able to work with an industry partner. BioFit is located in Bowling Green and they have an Elmwood connection. The President of BioFit is Jim Connell and his wife is an Elmwood 1998 graduate.



2. 7th Graders Experience Japanese Culture

In mid-September, 4 university students from Japan visited Elmwood 7th grade to immerse students in various aspects of Japanese culture. Classes were each exposed to different topics, including using chopsticks, writing in kanji, the traditional Japanese tea ceremonies, and summer Japanese festivals.

The students really enjoyed this learning experience, and here are some of their thoughts:

- According to Lilly Garner, there are over “50 types of chopsticks in Japan, and chopsticks are different in each country.”
- During 4th period, Ryland Power explained how students learned about “kanji” and how to write their names in Japanese.
- Paxton Reynolds explained how they learned the process of performing a Japanese tea ceremony. “You make green tea with 180 Fahrenheit water poured into a small bowl. Then, you put green tea powder into the water. Next, you stir the mixture until the bubbles are thick and stir the top to get rid of the bubbles before drinking.”
- Participating in some cultural practices during Japanese summer festivals such as Tanabata, Caiden Cohen mentioned that he “learned how to make Japanese decorations like “The Milky Way” and the “Chochin (lantern).”

This visit was made possible thanks to The University of Findlay's College of Education and Department of International, Intercultural, and Service Engagement.



3. The Elementary PTO has a couple meetings coming up with the main topics being: the Secret Santa Shop and the Christmas Craft Projects. All are invited to the meetings. The meetings are Wednesday, November 1st. The second meeting is Tuesday, November 28th. Both meetings are at 7 PM in the Auditoria
4. The Elementary Student Council is hosting a fun event for our elementary students that will also raise some money for a great cause. Students can donate a dollar to dress up for Halloween on October 31st. The money raised will go to Wood County Plays. This group is raising funds to build inclusive playgrounds around the county.



5. Elmwood is part of Safer Ohio School Tip Line and is used to anonymously report information that will keep schools safe. The tip line is 844-Safer OH or 844-723-3764 and things to report to the tip line are (but not limited to):

- Bullying incidents;
- Withdrawn student behaviors;
- Verbal or written threats observed toward students, faculty or schools;
- Hazing;
- Weapon/suspicious devices on or near school grounds;
- Gang-related activities;
- Unusual/suspicious behavior of students or staff;
- Self-harm or suicidal sentiments; and
- Any other school safety-related concerns.

Remember to speak up and save a life!!



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

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| • Thursday, October 26 th | 2 Hour Delay for Teacher Inservice |
| • Thursday, October 26 th | Student Council Trunk or Treat Event, 6-7 PM |
| • October 30 th -November 2 nd | Elementary Scholastic Book Fair |
| • Tuesday, October 31 st | Happy Halloween |
| • Wednesday, November 1 st | Elementary PTO meeting @ 7 PM in Auditoria |
| • Sunday, November 5 th | Day Light Savings Time Ends |
| • Monday, November 6 th | Board of Education Meeting @ 5:30 PM |
| • Tuesday, November 7 th | Election Day-Remember to Vote |

- Friday, November 10th

HS/MS Veterans Program from 8:30 – 9:30 AM

in the HS Gymnasium



- Tuesday, November 14th
- Thursday, November 16th
- November 20th-21st
- November 22nd-24th
- Tuesday, November 28th

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
@7 PM in the Community Center Auditorium
4th Grade Music Program @ 7 PM in CC Auditorium
Parent teacher Conferences from Noon-7 PM
Thanksgiving Break-No School
Elementary PTO meeting @ 7 PM in Auditoria

Tony Borton, Superintendent

