



ELMWOOD LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Elmwood Happenings 12/13/2023

Greetings Elmwood Community,

Merry Christmas to each and everyone of you. I want to wish everyone in the Elmwood community the very happiest of Holidays. You can feel the excitement in the air and the students are definitely ready for classes to end and break begin. The last day for students is Wednesday, December 20th. I hope everyone enjoys time with your family and uses the holiday break to rest and rejuvenate. School resumes for students on Thursday, January 4th. This will be my last newsletter until we get back in January.



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1. Representative Haraz Ghanbari visited Elmwood at the end of October. The morning was filled with a building tour and classroom visits. When that was finished, the High School

Royal News program interviewed Representative Ghanbari about the many aspects of his job in Columbus representing Wood County. To finish our time together, the administration spent some time advocating for laws we would like changed or addressed down in Columbus. This event was well received by the Representative and Elmwood student and staff. The event has created a connection that will benefit us long term.



2. Penta Career Center kicked off their Career Awareness Initiative by showcasing the Introduction to Careers Kit for 2nd, 4th, and 5th grade classrooms in some of their member schools, including Elmwood. Students were able to learn about how the different work styles are important for future career choices. The 2nd grade students began with a read aloud to *There's a Hat for That*, by Kevin Fleming and then filled out a Career Awareness Assessment. After that, they participated in a career matching game and decorated a community helper career character. They ended the day with filling in a career day activity page. The 4th and 5th grade students began by filling out a Career

Awareness Assessment form and then working with a partner to complete an ABCs of Careers paper. After that they wrote sentences about a community helper career character. They ended their day by filling in a “When I Grow Up” activity page.

Elmwood Elementary: 4th Grade



3. Elmwood High and Middle Schools came together to do a Veteran's Day program. The goal was to honor the Veterans from the area. The local Boy Scout Troops brought in the flags and our choirs song the National Anthem and other patriotic songs. The main speaker was a representative from H.O.O.V.E.S (Healing Of Our Veterans Equine Services), which is a program for Veterans to find healing and a renewed sense of purpose using equine therapy throughout the process. To conclude our time, we provided the Veterans in attendance with a get together and breakfast. As part of this program, we did a fundraiser for the H.O.O.V.E.S program and raised just over \$2400. We want to send a special thank you to all Veterans for your service and sacrifices made for this great country we live in.



4. The weekend of November 3rd, 2023 Emily Miller, a freshman here at Elmwood High School was selected to represent Ohio in the National All-Star Game for the Miracle League Baseball program out of Findlay in West Palm Beach, Florida. Emily has been playing since 2019. Miracle League Baseball is a national organization that gives kids, teens, and adults with disabilities the opportunity to play baseball. Every year, Miracle League Chapters across the nation nominate players to play at the National All-Star Game. Events kicked off Friday night with a parade of players around the field at Roger Dean Stadium followed by a game between two of the competitive level Miracle League teams.

Emily was on the Cincinnati Reds team and had the honor of having all the first inning pitches to her team thrown out by baseball legend and former Reds player Johnny Bench! He is a huge supporter of the West Palm Beach Miracle League. Emily and Johnny became fast friends. Emily also had the pleasure to meet Coach Rob Mendez, a motivational speaker and high school football coach that has been featured on ESPN.

Saturday night, to wrap up the weekend, the Miracle League hosted an amazing gala at the Wellington International Equestrian Center where they gave out awards, ate a fabulous dinner while watching horses performing on the courses, and topped off the night with a dance party on the dance floor.



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

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| • Thursday, December 14 th | DARE Graduation @ 1:15 PM in the CC Auditorium |
| • Sunday, December 17 th | Madrigal Dinner @ 5 PM in the Auditoria |
| | (Tickets Required) |
| • December 21 st – January 3 rd | Christmas Break-NO SCHOOL |
| • Monday, January 8 th | Board of Education meeting @ 5:30 PM |

- Tuesday, January 9th
- Friday, January 12th
- Monday, January 15th
- Friday, January 19th

Elementary PTO meeting @ 7 PM
Homecoming Ceremony at BBB game
MLK Day-NO SHOOOL
2 Hour Delay for Teacher Inservice

Tony Borton, Superintendent

