

Greetings Elmwood Community,

Good morning. I am sitting here thinking about our District and how much our community supports us. I talk with many superintendents around Ohio, and I am so blessed to be working in a District where the community support shows in all that we do. As a District, we work very hard to be very conservative with our spending. We evaluate each item to make sure that it is beneficial for our students and a needed expense. I believe that this is one way that the District has really worked hard to build this community support. I am always willing to sit down with any community member to discuss what is going on in our schools.

1. In our high school health classes, they introduced a new program call “iKeep Education” Program. The class was led by a guest speaker. The picture shows an activity that she did with the class on their love language. Each student in the class had a filled balloon that they had to write a compliment for a specific student on with a permanent marker. This was a way to demonstrate words of affirmation and how people feel much better when given compliments. It was a fun activity for the students. At the end, she read off the balloons and put them in the student’s shirt to fill him up with compliments.



2. This year in our high school Algebra 1 classes, students have been working in small groups to work out various kinds of problems and tasks on vertical whiteboards. Working in small groups has allowed students to learn how to communicate mathematical ideas to their partners, as well as listen to the ideas of others in their groups. Students check each other's work, offer feedback, and brainstorm how to solve more challenging questions. Working this way has kept students actively engaged in mathematical thinking. In the attached photos, Algebra 1 students are working on multiplying polynomials to simplify expressions.



3. In January, Joe Laborie, a 2019 Elmwood graduate, returned to his roots to present to Mr. Gehret's 7th grade Political Science elective on his undertakings at The Ohio State University. His field of study includes Public Policy Analytics. Joe explained why he joined this program at the John Glenn College of Public Affairs and revealed many career options related to this major. Students could relate topics in their unit of "public opinion" with Joe Laborie's presentation. Thank you for your presentation, Joe!



4. On February 10th, the middle school hosted their annual Spelling Bee in the media center.

Those who participated:

5th grade: Lauren Healey, Shipley Morelock

6th grade: Daine Stearns, Lily Good

7th grade: Ethan Johnson, Karsyn Winters

8th grade: Marloe Bennet, Mitchel Oliver

Ethan Johnson won the Spelling Bee and will advance to the Toledo Bee in March. Congratulations to all participants and best of luck to Ethan next month!



The District continues to look for substitute personnel in all areas of our business. If you have an interest in on-call work, please let us know. We are a great place to work and you will earn a little extra cash. Working with our students is such a blessing and a way to give back to our community.

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

- Monday, February 21st No School
- Friday, February 25th 5th Grade Wax Museum
- Friday, February 25th Elementary PTO Snowball Dance
- Friday, March 4th Middle school dance after school
- Tuesday, March 8th High and Middle School band concert
- March 12th into 13th Day light savings time-“spring ahead”
- Monday, March 14th Board of Education meeting @ 5:30 PM
- March 19th to 27th No School due to Spring break

Tony Borton, Superintendent