

Greetings Elmwood Community,

“To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold!” Aristotle

While not always a snow fan when I have to drive, I absolutely love watching it snow. As I watch the snow, it calms me and reminds me of the beauty of our universe. In addition, when snow falls, students and staff start anticipating a snow day. I still remember that as a kid, and even now as an adult. As you have heard by now, we have closed for the rest of the week out of anticipation of this major storm Friday, is our first of three e-learning days that the State allows. Your child’s teacher has given directions on how those lessons will be distributed and handled.

1. Who stole the feast?

In 5th grade language arts, the students read the book, "The Eleventh Hour," by Graeme Base. Students were then tasked with searching for clues and evidence to accuse one of eleven animal characters of stealing a birthday feast. Students practiced making inferences and using evidence to support a claim. In science, students researched one of the animals in the story to give them additional information. After gathering evidence, students prepared questions and answers for testimony during a mock trial. This is a perfect example of a multi-disciplinary lesson that our teachers use with our students.



2. This is from last week, and included as a reminder: 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>
3. I was given the following picture dealing with an Elmwood Graduate and his life in our wonderful Military. Donald Hoffman is a 2014 graduate of Elmwood High School and is a member of our Air Force. His current duty station is in Alaska. I love showing our graduates in action. Please share the good things our graduates are doing, and I will do my best to include them in future editions.



4. Last week was Homecoming Week here at Elmwood. During the week, we had spirit week, which is where each day had a theme and the students competed for bragging rights as they dressed up for that theme. Every building got into the fun and dressed up for spirit week. The week ended with a pep assembly to get everyone fired up for the boys' basketball game that night. During the game, the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen along with their court was revealed during half time of the game. After the game was over, the high school students had a homecoming dance to wrap up this fun, student-based week. Students at all grade levels showed their spirit and represented the Royals with pride.



The month of January has been busy for our teachers and students. We have had lots of activities, fun lessons, and just great things happening. Our staff goes above and beyond to make each learning and fun activity the best it can be for the students. I thank them for their hard work. 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

“One kind word can warm three winter months!” Japanese Proverb

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