

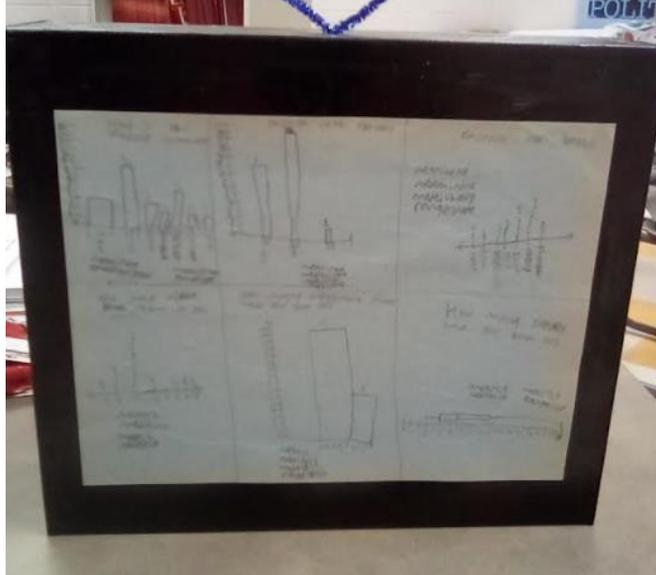
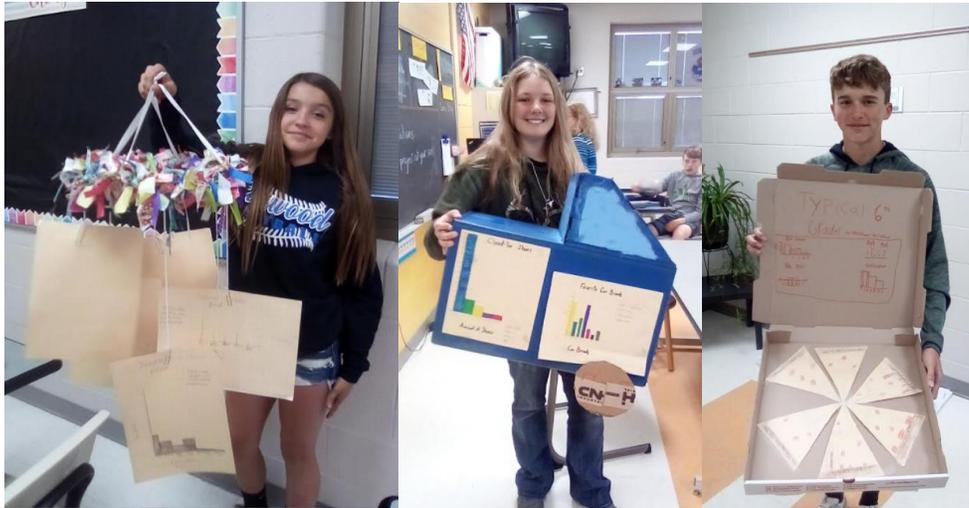
Greetings Elmwood Community,

We are down to a couple days, and I can honestly say the year flew by. I am pleased with how the year went. With COVID early on, we did not allow it to distract us. We stayed open and we have made academic gains. I am pleased with our staff and the hard work they do for our students. As we look into summer, Central Office is open Monday through Thursday. Someone will be available in the office from 8 to 4 on these days for sure. The front offices, have varying hours and they will shut down for a good portion of the summer, so please contact Central Office if you happen to need help on anything school related. This newsletter is longer than normal as this is the last edition, and I want to include everything the teachers have shared with me. In closing, best of luck to Mr. Doug Reynolds, MS Physical Education teacher on his retirement from Elmwood Schools. Thank you for your years of service and your years of coaching. The students will surely miss having you in the gym with them.



1. Elmwood High School celebrated their annual Junior and Senior prom on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> here at the high school. It started with the Grand March beginning at 6:00 PM, where the community was invited to come out and view the students dressed up in their Prom gear. We had 215 students signed up for Prom and they had a great time. Country Farmhouse catered the meal for us. The theme was "One Night in Vegas" with the colors being red, white, and black. The High School gymnasium and auditoria was beautifully decorated with balloons, paper lanterns, lights, and a lighted water fountain to make it look like Vegas. The students danced into the evening. After Prom started at 11:00 PM. Many wonderful volunteers transformed the prom into after prom with inflatables, corn hole boards, cards, games, a whole casino package, an escape room trailer, concessions, spin art, an ice cream buffet, Pac-Man arcade and a coffee bar. The D.J. stayed the entire time and played music. We also had over \$3000.00 worth of donated prizes/baskets that were raffled off during After Prom to the students. All in all, the kids enjoyed their time at prom, they were safe, were fed, and had a great time. The team looks forward to planning next year's Prom! There are plenty of pictures of Prom on our District web page for you to enjoy.
2. The 6th grade math students just finished their "Typical Elmwood 6th grader projects". In this project the students created their own survey questions and then asked 25 of their classmates to answer. Each student came up with three categorical questions and three numerical questions. After collecting their data, the students then used that data to find the Mean, Median, Mode, and Range, and they were asked to display their findings using either a line plot, bar graph, histogram, dot plot, or a box plot. Finally, the students were asked to come up with a

creative way to display their information in order to present their findings to their class. The students enjoyed finding out about their fellow students and were very creative in how they presented their information. This was a fantastic way to bring the school year to a close.



- The Northwestern Water and Sewer District has announced that five teachers from Elmwood Local Schools were awarded grant funding for educational programs focusing on water. "Water And Environment Teacher Education Resources (WATER)" grants assist local schools by providing direct funding to support educators in teaching about the importance of water resources. The water district presented Katie Smith, Rebecca Peery, Robin Reynolds, Monica Arnold, and Natalie Genson each with a \$500 grant to plan lessons that they presented in their grant application.
- The high school held their annual Spring Fling on Monday, May 9th. The students participated in The Price is Right, had a picnic, played games, grilled out for lunch, and finished the day with their class Olympics. The sophomore class came out as winners of this activity.



- The Spring arts festival was held Sunday, May 15th and showcased hundreds of talented student's art work and performances by our band and choirs. If you were lucky enough to attend, you would have been treated to the very creative side of our Elmwood students with great music and art. There were over 45 awards given in the high school in the area of art with Best of Show going to Abbie Allison's gorgeous food painting and Kate Keiffer's sculpture. The

middle school also had another year of our talented students' art work on display. This year, the big winners were Eleanor Wise (7th) for her Animal Painting of a dog using Tempera paint and Faith Morgart (8th) for her Duality Agamograph showing Cityscape vs. Country Landscape done with colored pencils.



6. At the end of April, a professor from the University of Hradec Králové in the Czech Republic spent the day teaching 7th grade students about traditional and contemporary Czech fairy tales. Students were able to compare perspectives of typical U.S. fairy tales with those from the Czech Republic. Mylie Mitchell, a 7th grader explained, “[Czech] fairy tales don't have a happy ending like they do in America. Princesses get hurt and the villains get hurt or die. Having fairy tales that don't have a happy ending can teach kids that the world is not like it is in the books.” Makala Eaken noted, “Czech fairy tales are very similar to ours. There is one just like Clifford because it is a dog that grows to be a very big dog and helps out a young girl.” In yet another tale, Drake Stearns commented, “The "Princess from the Watermill" is an interesting story about a boy falling in love with a girl that helps with a mill.” Students tried their best at singing and dancing to tunes associated with this romantic tale. Certainly, the professor’s visit marked a unique and fulfilling experience for Elmwood’s 7th graders.



“Cause a little bit of summer is what the whole year is about.”

John Mayer

Tony Borton, Superintendent