

Greetings Elmwood Community,

Welcome to May! April was a cooler month, with a couple 80-degree days to tease us. May is the final month of our school year. The staff has a lot planned to make the last month enjoyable. May is also the month where we accept open enrollment applications for next school year. If you live outside the district and want to be considered to continue attending Elmwood, you need to fill out the open enrollment application as soon as possible. If you do not fill out the OE application, you will not be accepted and you will need to enroll your child(ren) into your home district.

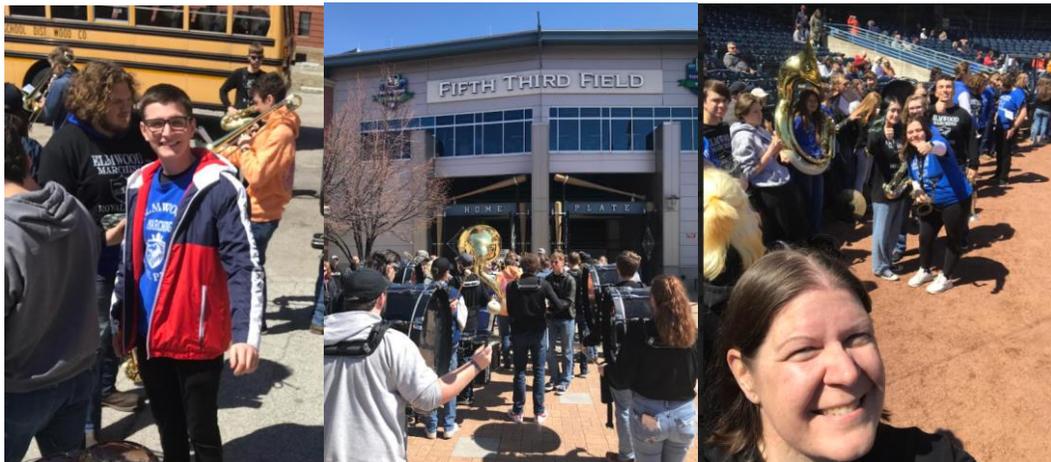
1. Our annual Bakery Bingo was held this past month and was sponsored by the Elementary PTO. We had over 300 people come out and participate. Thank you to all the donors of baskets and baked goods. In addition thanks to everyone who donated their time to make this event a huge success. It takes many hours of planning and behind the scenes organization to pull off an event like this. If you like this type of activity, PTO is always looking for energetic, helpful, and able bodies to join our team. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month in the auditoria at 7:00 pm. Please check out our Facebook page (Elmwood Elementary PTO) for up-to-date information. We will need volunteers for the Elementary field day that is quickly approaching. Please watch for information to sign up.



- The elementary is hosting an author visit on May 9th. We are excited to have Author Jeff Orlowski join us for the day. If you are interested in any of his books, they will need to be pre-purchased using the website in the flyer.

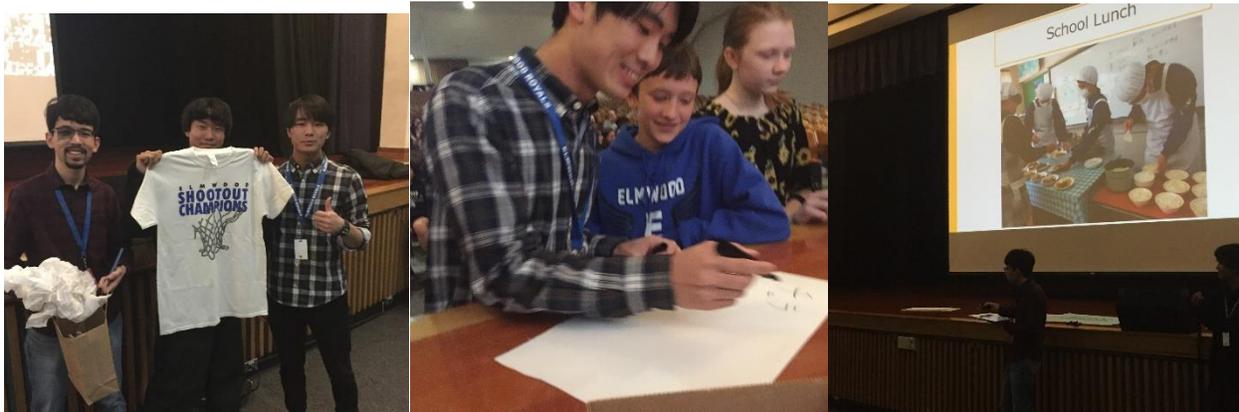


- The Elmwood Marching Royal Pride Band performed the National Anthem at the Toledo Mud Hens on Sunday April 10. They did a fantastic job representing our school with pride and had a great time at the ballgame!





4. Last month, three college international students from Japan gave a presentation to Elmwood 7th graders on cultural topics about their country. Many topics were covered over the course of their presentation and some students gave input to share. According to Kaydence Dean, “One thing that I learned is that the main foods they eat include rice, noodles, and fish. They also eat sushi, but not often because it is expensive.” Commenting on proper etiquette when entering a Shinto shrine, Elisabeth Madden explained, “[At a shrine,] you have to thoroughly cleanse yourself by washing your right hand, then your left, and then rinse your mouth out with the water before entering to pray.” Bailey Dennis shared cultural differences that she learned about a typical Japanese middle school day, saying, “Kids serve lunch in their classrooms. Then, they clean their classrooms every day after school.” Needless to say, there were lots of takeaways on Japanese culture from the presentation. This visit was made possible by Dr. [Hiroaki Kawamura](#) from The University of Findlay’s Department of Language and Culture.



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

- Monday, May 9th Elmwood Board of Education
- Thursday, May 12th Kindergarten Graduation at 6:30 PM
- Sunday, May 15th Spring Arts Festival
- Sunday, May 15th Senior Baccalaureate Service @ 6:30 PM
- Monday, May 16th HS Awards and Scholarship Night
- Sunday, May 22nd Graduation at 2 PM
- Tuesday, May 24th Elementary Awards Day
- Wednesday, May 25th Elementary Field Day
- Friday, May 27th Currently scheduled last day for students

Hello, May! Do to our hearts what you do to Earth's flowers

Tony Borton, Superintendent