

ELWOOD SCHOOL TIGER NEWS UPDATE APRIL 2010

From the Principal

Greetings to all from Elwood School! I hope everyone had a nice Spring Break. It will be a busy time over the next couple of months as we rap up another successful school year. Our students have worked very hard and have done an excellent job up to this point and I know they will finish very strong.

Don't forget that on Wednesday, April 7th students will be dismissed at 11:30 for School Improvement activities. Also, there will be no school on Good Friday, April 2nd and the Monday after Easter Sunday, April 5th.

I am happy to say we have completed our ISAT testing for the year. I want to thank all the teachers, students, and parents for their hard work in making sure students were prepared to do their best. While the test is only one of the many ways to measure the success of our students, it is a valuable tool that assists us in identifying curricular adjustments that need to be made.

As the weather gets warmer more and more students will begin to walk or ride their bikes to school again. Please be extra cautious as you drive in and around the school grounds. We want to make sure that our students remain safe. Your help and understanding is appreciated.

I hope everyone has a wonderful spring season. Please keep an eye on the April calendar for events in which everyone may want to participate.

Sincerely,
Dr. Stark



7th Grade Springfield Field Trip

On Tuesday, March 16, 2010 the 7th graders traveled to Springfield, IL for the first time. Where they journeyed to Lincoln's Home, New Capitol where we saw a bill passed regarding floatation devices on private and public lakes, Oak Ridge Cemetery to see Lincoln's tomb, Old Capitol and ending our trip at the Lincoln Presidential Museum.

The 7th graders would like to thank the School Board, Dr. Stark, Mrs. Rompala, Mrs. DeMaso, Ms. Frey and Mr. Knight for making the trip possible.

News from the Art Room

Make sure to check out the art room's updated website. The link is available on the faculty page on the Elwood School website. Artwork from the various grade levels and the sketchbook list are all featured online.

On April 22nd, Elwood School will be hosting an art show in place of the annual spring concert. The show will highlight work from kindergarten through fourth grade students. Make sure to stop by and check out all the amazing work students have been creating in art class. The event will run from 5-7 pm in the big gym.



Market Day.

Thank you for your Market Day® order this month! We're looking forward to seeing you at our sale pick-up on April 6th between 5:30 and 6:30. You can find us in the cafeteria. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. DeMaso at 815-423-5588. Thank you for your continued support and check us out at www.marketday.com.

MEET AND GREET

Parents and community members are invited to a meet and greet Mr. Arnold, the new superintendent on April 22nd. This will be in conjunction with our Art Show from 5:00-7:00 P.M.



Spring Play
Jr. High Drama Club Presents:
Alice In Wonderland

“Produced by special arrangement with Baker Plays”

Join us as we journey down the rabbit hole into the amazing world of Wonderland. Follow Alice as she meets many curious characters including the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat, and the Queen of Hearts. Will Alice be able to return home or will it be “OFF WITH HER HEAD!”

Thursday, April 29th

6:00 p.m. small gym

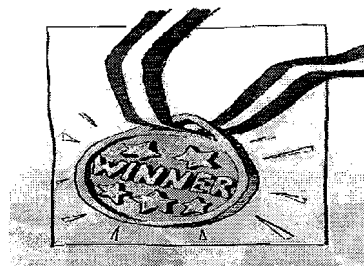
No admission charge

History Fair

On Saturday, February 28, 2010 eighteen of our 8th grade students participated in the Regional History Fair. Eleven of the students have qualified for the State Competition on Thursday, May 6, 2010. The following students will be participating:

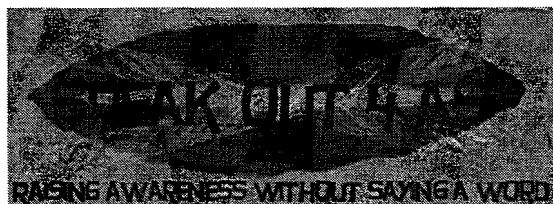
Nicole Bartos	Drake Bernhard
Kelsey Frain	Samantha Islas
Johnny Kalisik	Maddie Kennedy
Brittney Lange	Haylie Lohmar
Jill Sharp	Dominique Spann
Jessica Weiss	

Good Luck at State!



Additional Information

If you notice more traffic than you might expect, please know that our building will be a busy place the evening of Friday, April 9th. In addition to the Junior High Spring dance to be held in the small gym, the large gym is being rented out by a local church, the First Church of God. The First Church of God is sponsoring a speaker named Michael Franzese. Michael is a former member of the Mafia “who did the unthinkable – quit the Syndicate to follow a new Leader.” He will speak at 7:00 p.m.



An event of silence, powered by Kids4Good, to help raise awareness for a little known disorder called Angelman Syndrome/AS.

So what is SpeakOut4AS@?

It is a campaign of few words. In fact, it's a campaign of no words. It's an (acceptance) event, intended for children to experience, in which they're challenged to remain silent for a set period of time. They will be instructed to try and communicate without being able to speak as a way to better understand what children with AS must deal with on a daily basis.

In order for our children to have a better understanding of what a child affected with AS, or any non-verbal child, must feel like when they're unable to speak, we will ask them to remain silent, to not speak a word. Through this silence our children can demonstrate their power to help make a difference for the thousands of children left without a voice by this disorder. What more powerful lesson in acceptance could there be?

A cure for AS is within reach. There has been much success in the area of AS research in the past few years and it's been cured in a mouse model. Scientists are working extensively to take these findings to the next level. A cure for Angelman Syndrome will cost millions of dollars to fund. Through these SO4AS events we hope to raise some much needed funds for a cure but more importantly, we hope to leave all who participate with a greater understanding of their non-verbal peers.

Any funds raised through these SO4AS events will go directly toward funding the cure for AS through the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST). For more information about AS or FAST visit: www.CureAngelman.org. We hope you'll consider holding your own SpeakOut4AS event to demonstrate that we can all raise awareness without saying a word. For more details on holding a SO4AS event visit: www.kids4good.org or www.SpeakOut4AS.org.

Event participants: Elwood Jr. High Students

Event Date: April 28, 2010

Donations payable to FAST can be mailed to:

Elwood School, 409 N. Chicago Ave., Elwood, Illinois 60421.



CONGRATULATIONS!

The following five band students were awarded first place medals for their performances at the Solo & Ensemble Contest, sponsored by Music on the Move, held on Saturday, March 6th, at Holy Trinity School in Westmont, IL. The five students are as follows:

Justin Payne, clarinet solo

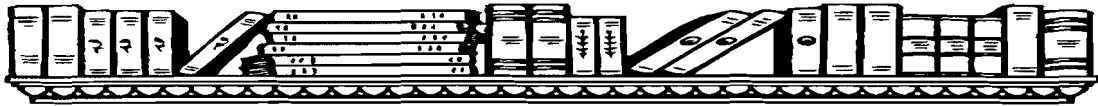
Eileen Mulligan, clarinet solo

Mark Vanderhyden, snare drum solo

August Klemp, snare drum solo

Nathan Klemp, snare drum solo

We are very proud of their accomplishment!



NEWS FROM THE ELWOOD SCHOOL LIBRARY

April 2010

Go to my Web Page for links to helpful websites:

<http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/PHankins/index.cfm>

Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success and I would like to thank everyone who helped or purchased books. All proceeds will go to purchase new books for the school library.

Door Prize Winner: Johnny Slattery

Club Penguin Winner: Anna Breausche

Littlest Pet Shop Winner: Samantha Senko

Zhu Zhu Pets Winner: Madison Berman

Read to Win Program

Students in grades 1 – 5 will earn a ticket, to be entered into a drawing, each time they meet an individualized AR goal set by the classroom teacher. Names will also be drawn to select a book from the AR cart throughout the program. The drawing will take place at the end of the school year or when all my tickets are gone. Prizes will be given as follows:

- 1 – iPod Shuffle for 1st grade
- 1 – iPod Shuffle for 2nd grade
- 1 – iPod Shuffle for 3rd grade
- 1 – Kodak EasyShare digital camera for grades 4 & 5

All students should be reading at least twenty minutes per day. Please encourage your child to participate in the program. In the end, all those participating will be winners by becoming better readers.

Top AR Point Earners as of March 18, 2010:

Top 10

- 1) Jack Lewis – 4th – 169.9 pts.
- 2) Nathaniel Kirby – 7th – 163.5 pts.
- 3) Kelly Bartels – 8th – 134.1 pts.
- 4) Amanda Alberico – 5th – 104.6 pts.
- 5) Ben Hallihan – 5th – 98.7 pts.
- 6) Gabrielle Huminsky – 3rd – 86.7 pts.
- 7) Nolan Smith – 3rd – 86.0 pts.
- 8) Sarah Dworak – 5th – 82.4 pts.
- 9) Walker Lander – 5th – 78.9 pts.
- 10) Jordan Johnson – 1st – 77.3 pts.

Six-Hour Reading Tickets

Students participating in the Six-Hour Reading club should receive their tickets in late April or early May. This year we had 83 students earn a ticket to Six Flags. Congratulations to all of them.

Tiger Pick Reviews

When looking for a suggestion for a book to read checkout “My Booklist” on my website. The books suggested are books that students have reviewed and rated. Reviews are welcome from students, teachers, and parents.

Elwood Athletic Boosters

Athletic Booster Board Officer nominations are right around the corner. There are several open positions for next school year. The following page shows the openings for next year.

Booster Board Officers

- Serve a term for one year that runs from June 1 to May 31
- Actively serve as committee members
- Regularly attend a minimum of seven (7) regular monthly meetings in a calendar year

The purpose of the Elwood Athletic Boosters is to:

- Fund and promote athletic programs
- Promote understanding between coaches, students, parents, and the athletic director.
- Unite members socially in friendship and mutual understanding
- Encourage all members, parents, coaches, athletic director, and students to serve the organization actively
- Have a good working relationship with the athletic director, school staff and administration, and school board

*** If you are interested in becoming a booster member, but are unsure what it is all about, please feel free to contact me with any questions.**

**Mr. Lundgren
Athletic Director**

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Athletic Booster Board Officer Nominations

President

Write-in

Vice President

Write-in

Treasurer

Write-in

Secretary

Diane Sewing

Write-in

Trustee

Jerry Haurert

Write-in

Trustee

Sheila Morgan

Write-in

Trustee

Michelle Walsh

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