

# PIRATE NEWS

## SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2017



### INTEGRATED ARTS

I am Mrs. Catherine Waldron, the Integrated Arts teacher at Elliott. I am so lucky to share my love of the Arts with all our Elliott students. Integrated Arts is the study of music, visual arts, movement, and theatre. During the year I will share all of our "Units of Learning" with you. When a performance is planned your family will receive a special invitation. Our goals will be to discover more about the Arts and interconnect some of these art forms with other core subjects: social studies, science, math and reading.

This year we set sail on our pirate learning adventure with the fun tune, "Learn Like a Pirate". With this song our students already are learning to sing a melody with verses/refrain and a few cool moves too. Ask your child to sing the song and your whole family will be joining in!!

### "LEARN LIKE A PIRATE"

Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate's life for me. 1.) We'll all set sail on a great adventure, find friends and learn for sure. Just seek your route, stay positive, our CARES help us to live!

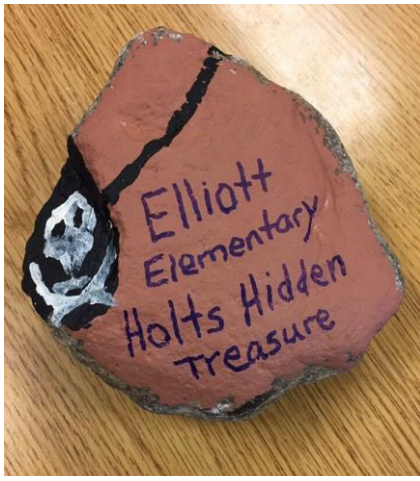
Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate's life for me! 2.) We'll travel far and take some risks, our crew will share the load. Adventure forth, imagine, create! Success - we help our mates! Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate's life for me! Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate's life for me!

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Elliott needs parent volunteers to help with crossing students in the morning and the afternoons. There are two very dangerous spots that 9 year olds just can't do alone. If you volunteer, it would only be for 15 or 20 minutes. 8:10-8:30 and 3:30-3:45. I will provide safety vests and stop signs, plus guaranteed parking! Contact Mr. Smith at [fwsmith@hpsk12.net](mailto:fwsmith@hpsk12.net) or call the building, 699-2106.

### KINDERGARTEN

It has been a fun seven days for our Elliott Kindergartners! We are learning our daily routines, practicing behavior expectations, and enjoying making new friends. The students have been working hard on writing their names every day. We read "Chicka Chick Boom" and made our own coconut trees. We also read a book called "David Goes to School" and talked about school and classroom rules. Each student made a picture of David and chose a rule to focus on for the start of this year. We say The Pledge of Allegiance every morning together as a school. Many Kindergarten students do not know the words to The Pledge, so please work on this at home when you have time. We are looking forward to a great year in Kindergarten!



### ROCK PAINTING

There is a trend sweeping the area that you may have seen other communities doing, rock painting. The idea is to paint a rock any way you like, and find a public place to hide it. When it is found people post a photo on a Facebook page. Well Elliott now has its own Elliott Rocks Facebook page! Paint a rock using acrylic paint that you can buy in any craft department, and on the rock somewhere put something about posting to Elliott Rocks. I put "If found, post photo on Elliott Rocks." If you want the rock to look better and last longer, spray with a clear paint. Don't hide in the grass where a lawnmower might hit it, and don't hide inside a store. Search Google for painting ideas.

### EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAYS 1:50

September  
13  
27  
October  
18  
25



### DATES TO REMEMBER

PICTURE DAY  
Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

CONFERENCES  
September  
21-22  
½ Day Thurs-Fri  
12:30 Dismissal

### P.T.O. MEETING OCT 3RD @ 6:30 LIBRARY

All families are welcome! Please join us, we are looking for new families to help us prepare activities for our students. We need you!

## SECOND GRADE

What a busy start to the school year! Starting early was an adjustment for everyone in 2nd grade (including the teachers!), but our students handled it easily. We've had a smooth start with all the changes in 2nd grade- Mrs. Hewett moved up from 1st grade and Mrs. Simowski is new to Holt- everyone is doing great! The first couple of weeks included a lot of beginning of the year testing, but now that it's all done we can really start working on our normal routines.

## KINETICS

In August and September in Kinetics, we are working on routines and procedures in the gym, cooperation skills using a parachute as well as playground expectations and activities (4 Square and Tetherball).

## WELCOME BACK

To all of our returning families, welcome back! To all of our new families we are so happy to have you join us!

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself, as the principal of Elliott Elementary, my name is Erin North. I feel so fortunate to be a part of such a dedicated and hard-working staff that cares for all of the students that attend Elliott. We have great staff, students, and parents that make Elliott feel like a family.

I want to extend an invitation to all of our families to be involved in our school. If you want to volunteer please contact your child's teacher or myself. We have various roles in which you can help out here at Elliott in the classroom, playground, or lunch room. Our PTO meets once a month in the library, our next meeting is October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. and I encourage you to attend if you are able. We welcome back old members and new faces.

If you have questions or need anything please don't hesitate to call. You can always leave me a voicemail at 699-7926 as I am in the building but not usually sitting at my desk. We are very excited about the 2017-2018 school year and happy to have you here at Elliott with us.

Sincerely,

Erin North

## "TREASURED WORK"

Kade Dextrom Aleaha Rieder

## "CARES CREW"

Bryceton Timmer  
Darquise Hawkins  
Sadie Kaczorowski  
Elena Lawton  
Carly McCarrick  
Ava Ward  
Jada Twiggs  
Calvin Miko  
Ben Jubeck  
Olivia Mausolf

## PTO WANTS YOU!

You can earn up to \$25 for your child's classroom for every PTO meeting you attend. The classroom that has the most parents in attendance will receive \$25 from PTO to be spent on their classroom. Our next PTO meeting is October 3rd. So come and join us!

## FIRST GRADE

It has been a great couple weeks getting to know each other in first grade. Our classes have been busy reading, writing and singing about what is around us at home. Together we have read several fiction stories and practiced identifying the characters. We have also practiced writing complete sentences that include a noun. The students are working very hard to hear all of the sounds in each word as they read and write. In math, we are solving addition problems using different manipulatives. The students are continuing to practice safe and respectful behavior in the classroom and in our school by reviewing our Elliott C.A.R.E.S. daily. We look forward to more adventures ahead!



## THIRD GRADE

Third Grade is off to a great start. We have been doing many activities to get to know each other and testing is out of the way. We are working on addition and subtraction strategies in Go Math along with estimation of sums and rounding numbers. We started Reading Street and most had their first spelling test. We will begin Science, Social Studies, and Technology switches in 2 weeks. We are enjoying friendships with new Elliott Eagles and this looks like it will be a fantastic year!!!

## BOOK FAIR TIMES

Monday, September 18th – Students will preview the Book Fair in their classrooms.

Tuesday, September 19th – Students can shop during the day in their classrooms.

Wednesday, September 20th – Students can shop during the day in their classrooms. Parents can shop the Book Fair from 3:30-8:00.

Thursday, September 21st – Last day of Book Fair. Parents can shop from 1:00-8:00.

## FOURTH GRADE

We believe in establishing the expectations and building relationships is the most important thing we can do the first few weeks of school. We played a lot of team building activities and will continue to do so on and off all year. Of all the skills we teach, we stress respect. We tell the kids we are a community of diverse people from all sorts of backgrounds, and we need to be respectful to get respect. You may not always get along with everybody, but we must still show respect.