

PIRATE NEWS

MARCH 2ND, 2018

“TREASURED WORK”

Alasiah Darden
Lila Cook
Emma Lownsberry
Avalynn Palmer
Zoey Rosales
Maren Rusnak
Lillian Terrill
Finn Ferrigan
Grant Welch
Easory Bhandari
Camden Duncan
Allison Burns
Ermal Fejzullahu
Evan Gillahan
Eli Parker
Landon Surdenik
Adryn Dziachan
Bailey Klont
Sophie Nguyen
Juliana Stepp
Allison Burns
Lailah Moore

EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAY

March
14th
21st
April
18th
25th

SPRING PICTURES March 5th

SPRING BREAK

April
2nd-6th

P.T.O MEETING

March 13th, 6:30pm
April 10th, 6:30pm

CONFERENCES

March
5th-9th
12:30 Dismissal 8th, 9th

T-SHIRT ORDERS

Orders have been sent out as of February 28th. We will send them out as soon as we receive them.

Sorry for the delay!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

Elizabeth Kempf
Tyrece Darden
Laterion Perkins
Olivia Dennen
Jett Rusnak
Moriah Slavik
Hannah Maumbe
James Horn
Zoe Hall
Lailah Moore
Carly McCarrick
Alyssa Acero
Camryn Curry
James Ewen
Ziad Abdelrahman
Julianna Sowards
Lily Parent
DJ Moreno

STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

Ta'Myra Evans
Ta'shyra Evans
Easory Bhandari
Sawyer Nelson
Makayla French
Emmeline Culp
Zoey Rosales
Karter Dextrom
Zay'vion Bradley
Noah Camper
Paige Allen
Bryceton Timmer
Abraham Makuei
Cayden Craft
Domenick Williams
Ruby Kring
Sienna Staley
Jayla Dentmond

“CARES CREW”

A'myah Roper
Chloe Nguyen
Rosario Garza
Brody Cornelius
Cooper Shipley
William Buyak
Lucas Lafay
Maddison Shurmantine
Layla Lafay
Mychal Walker
Haven Label
Logan Pollitt

Teacher request forms for 2018-2019 school year are available in the office from March 5th-March 29th

Forms must be returned by March 29th.

TK TIDBITS

We are more than halfway through our school year, and our expectations are changing to reflect what will be expected in kindergarten next year. We are working on strengthening our writing skills, working on getting all of our sounds down, and are making strong gains! Please keep practicing counting, letter identification, and sound identification at home.

FIRST GRADE

First grade has been working hard on more challenging phonics skills in reading. Many students are becoming fluent readers and are exciting to be diving into chapter books! Keep reading those Team Time books with your child every night for extra fluency practice. In math we have finished the addition and subtraction units and will be focusing on measurement, data, and shapes for the remainder of the year. Students have been learning about sorting objects by physical properties in science and will be starting the final life cycles unit soon. We have an exciting field trip planned for the MSU Butterfly House on March 28th where we will get to learn even more! Finally, we continue to work on building our classroom communities and teaching respect and safety in all that we do.



KINDERGARTEN

It's been another busy month in kindergarten. We just finished our second semester, and we have been completing assessments for our report cards and reviewing our goals. We are very excited to share our progress with our parents at parent teacher conferences. We have been working really hard on sounding out words and have been learning about blends. We have been spending a lot of time on our reading and writing. In writing we have been writing more narratives about ourselves. We have been using rubrics to self-evaluate our own writing by making sure we have capitals at the beginning of our sentences, spaces between our words, correctly spelled sight words, punctuation at the end of sentences, and making sure that our sentences make sense and match our pictures. In math we have finished our chapter on subtraction and we are now learning about the numbers 20 and beyond! In Science we are starting to learn about motion and how things move, and in Social Studies we are learning about making friends and solving problems. We are looking forward to spring and getting ourselves ready for first grade!!

FOURTH GRADE

4th grade made it through February with flying colors. Snow days make it hard for the students and the staff. The first day back is always a bit of a challenge. This year was our first with a full week off in the middle of the month. We start the first day back by reminding students of the Elliott CARES. All of 4th grade is in unit 4 for Reading Street. We have one more week, then a review week. Following that we will have a unit assessment. Math finds the students still in chapter two where we are exploring fractions and decimals

SECOND GRADE

The second grade team has had a wonderful February! All of our Valentine's Day parties went great and we all enjoyed our first mid-winter break! Mrs. Buege is enjoying maternity leave with her family! Her and her husband welcomed a beautiful baby girl named Lucy at the end of January! Miss Freed is back with the second grade team and is really enjoying her time with the students. We all look forward to meeting with parents at conferences and discussing the tremendous progress our students have made since the fall.

We are right in the middle of Unit 4 in Reading Street and the students will be taking their unit test in two weeks! It has been focusing on how things change and how things stay the same. The students have been working really hard on writing expository nonfiction pieces about nature and soil! They learned that they must have an introduction sentence that states that their nonfiction piece is about, transition words (first, next, then, last) as they write about something in nature, and a closing sentence that restates our topic. Lastly, the students have now learned addition and subtraction of three digit numbers and will be starting telling time and counting money next week! Please continue working on addition and subtraction at home! Try to read every night at home as well!

THIRD GRADE

3rd grade has been working hard the past month and cruised through the division chapter in math. We had amazing scores on the Chapter 6 & 7 tests! Chapter 8 starts fractions and the kids are excited to learn about fractions! The 3rd graders are also very enthusiastically learning about rocks with Mrs. Klauka in science. We are starting our M-Step practice as well.

KINETICS

In KINETICS, we have exciting news! In addition to working on our jump rope skills, we were able to help and raise a great deal of donations for the American Heart Association through Jump Rope for Heart! As of the time of this writing, we have a total of \$8,775 in online donations (with cash donations yet to be counted). That total alone beat our grand total from last year (\$8,206) and our goal for this year (\$8,500)!!! I continue to be amazed and proud of our Elliott Eagle students and families! Thank you so much for your generosity!

Our next unit coming up is Soccer and we will be working on dribbling and kicking skills.

Mileage Club is right around the corner and will go from the day we get back from spring break, April 9th to May 25th! The students are getting very excited! :)

Reminder: Student's must be signed up for Mileage Club by March 5th. Remember, there is no cost to you and it runs during your child's recess at school.

INTEGRATED ARTS

March is "Music in our Schools Month" and a good time for performances. Our Elliott Chorus, made up of third and fourth grade Team Time singers, are practicing for their concert on Tuesday, March 20 at Holt High School. The performance begins at 6:30pm and combines with Horizon's Chorus. Students are learning to read notation and are having fun making music with their classmates.

During the month of March second graders will perform the "Bremen Town Musicians". Third grade Integrated Arts classes will create art and are learning songs, dialogue, and "moves" to tell the story of Michigan's history. Their presentation is called "Michigan, My Michigan". Invitations for both of these performances will go home with your child at the beginning of March. We also look forward to other grade-level performances this Spring in Integrated Arts...stay tuned for more details.



We would like to welcome our newest member, Secretary Mrs. Katie Wilson to our Elliott family.

DROP OFF & PICK UP

We have a lot of cars all coming at the same time. Here are some helpful hints about the drop off lane in the morning. If we all work together we can make this fast and easy!

- Class lines are unsupervised before **8:15**.
- Students should be in their line at **8:25** (first bell).
- School starts at **8:30**, drop off no later than **8:25**.
- Upper elementary students should be dropped off earlier (**8:20**).
- Lower elementary closer to **8:25** but not at **8:25**.
- End your phone calls before entering the drop off area.
- Make drop off as quick as possible.
- Do not enter drop off lane if your child is not ready to get out right away (still eating, doing homework, putting on coat...)
- Do not leave your car in the drop off lane for any reason, even at the end of the lane. People see you do it and think it is okay. Please park in the lot if you want to walk your student up.
- Use your blinkers when wanting a spot or when leaving a spot.

Parking is prohibited in fire lanes to ensure the access of safety equipment to the structure in the event of an emergency. Fire lanes are defined as passageways or access roads that allow fire vehicles to pass through. They are not intended for normal vehicle traffic.

Dear Elliott Families,

At Elliott Elementary, we focus on the whole child and meeting the needs of all of our students, not only academically but also physically and emotionally. A couple of the ways that we do that are through our Dojo program and through Whole Brain teaching methods.

Our Dojo program is held throughout the year, in which the Sensei from the Holt Dojo comes to Elliott to meet with the students by grade level to talk about the importance of school and putting forth their best efforts. The students learn karate moves alongside their classroom teachers that are led by the Sensei. Fourth grade teacher Mr. Smith said, "The message Sensei Mark delivers to our students is one of building confidence, standing up to bullies, and most importantly respect for self and others. He presents these messages in a positive fashion and encourages students to be their best at all times." The students, along with their teachers were able to practice basic moves. Mrs. Davis said, "Sensei Mark teaches children strategies for dealing with difficult situations and knowing when to walk away from a situation." His message is that "learning self-control is of the utmost importance to self-defense."

This past school year, Elliott classrooms have piloted Whole Brain Teaching methods to engage students and help them better remember their learning. Third grade teacher Ms. Curtis said, "I've been amazed at the increase in engagement and motivation. Even students who were initially hesitant to participate are starting to take risks as they see their classmates are engaged and enthusiastic. The simple "games" we play have had a positive impact on behavior, have reduced transition time, and have increased conceptual understanding."

We are happy to partner with all of our families to provide a supportive and inclusive environment for all of our students. If you have any questions about either Whole Brain teaching methods or our dojo program, please feel free to call me at 699-2106.

Sincerely,

Erin North

