

ELLIOTT TEAM NEWS



NOVEMBER 30TH, 2018

Walking School Bus

Walking School Bus will no longer be meeting at Edru this year. We will start up again (location to be determined) in the Spring. Everyday walkers keep walking and turning in your cards! It's not too late to become an everyday walker. Simply pick up your walking log cards from the office and start walking!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Early Dismissal (1:50)

December
5th
12th

Snowball Dance

December 13th

Edru Skate Night

December 18th
6-8pm

Student of the Month

December 20th
2:30pm
January 24th
2:30pm

Christmas Break

Dec. 24th – Jan. 4th

“Teamwork Makes the Dream Work”

“Go Team!”

Elliott Families,

We are feeling the love here at Elliott! There are so many good things happening in our building every day and I want to let you know that you can have a peek into what we do here. Elliott Elementary has accounts on Instagram – [elliottschoolshps](#), Facebook – Elliott Elementary School, and Twitter – [TeamElliott1](#). Many of you are already following us on those sites and are able to see a glimpse of the amazing things that are happening. We try to post pictures on a daily basis of learning in the classroom, candid's outside at recess and lunch, special events, speakers, etc. Share this information with other family members so that they can see how awesome Elliott is! We also are always listening to your feedback and ways that we can do even better, having said that, the district survey that you may have taken last year will be coming out again very soon. This is a district survey that all parents, students, and staff members across the district have the opportunity to participate in. Your honest feedback is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Erin North

TEAM TK

It has been an eventful and very busy month here in TK. The children are picking up the routines of school quickly, as well as the classroom and hallway expectations. In literacy, we have begun working on specific letters by naming them, practicing the sounds they make, and even a little bit of writing as well. We have starting practicing name writing as well and building on the skills they already have there. In math, we are always counting, whether it's in line or large group, we frequently count how many students we have. Also in certain small group activities as well, using various manipulatives, we have practiced counting each item one at a time, in a number of different formats. Team TK is small in numbers but each one of them have already come so far from where they started in August. We are looking forward to building onto these skills and learning new ones as we move farther into the school year!

TEAM KINDERGARTEN

It's been another busy month in kindergarten. The teachers have really enjoyed watching the students grow and become active learners. The students have been working hard on learning their letters/sounds and are becoming readers and writers! They are reading and writing words and sentences. In math the students have been learning a lot about the numbers 0-10. They have been fluently reading and writing the numbers, counting objects, solving story problems using pictures or models, and comparing numbers (identifying the number that is greater or less). Kindergarten has also started community meetings where we are learning to share with peers on our thoughts and feelings. We are learning to express our feelings through words and how we gage our day by how we feel and we learning how to calm ourselves.



TEAM FIRST

First grade has been working hard on their reading! We have reviewed all kindergarten reading skills and are now working on long vowel sounds! Students should be bringing home Team Time Book Bags each week and practicing those books every night. In math we are continuing to work on numerous strategies to add and subtract. We are exploring the relationship between addition and subtraction problems. In Health we are continuing to learn about our Social and Emotional Health. This involves asking others how they feel, showing courtesy, and appreciating and helping others. In Social Studies we are learning about the importance of rules in school. This is a great unit for us to review our Elliott CARES. In Science we are continuing to learn about and observe the weather.

TEAM SECOND

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and a great first snow day! The students have gotten back into their school routine and have been excited to talk about all of the fun things they did while they were gone.

In Reading, the students have finished up Unit 2. The unit was all about working together. The students learned how to help in dangerous situations, how working together has changed history, how to work together to meet people's needs, why it is a good idea to work together, and how does working together solve problems. They also took their unit spelling test and finished up their assessment writing piece (a biography on a classmate). In Math, our second graders are in the middle of Chapter 4! We have started learning how to do double digit addition like an adult! Wahoo!! The students have officially started Health! They are going to start talking about social and emotional health for the next few weeks! There's a lot going on in Second Grade right now and the students are being wonderful learners! We look forward to our Holiday parties and winter break!

TEAM THIRD

This third grade group has been busy reading, writing, multiplying, dividing, and observing nature this month! We began our "First Look" experience, in which we spend about five minutes outside each morning to observe the sights and sounds of what's around us. Students then go into the classroom to journal about what they've observed to begin our day. This has been a calm way to begin our day together. This is something we will be doing when we go to Annie's BIG Nature Lesson in February.

We're in our 2nd unit in Reading Street, which leads to discussions on how to solve problems. Along with that, we are nearly finished with our multiplication and division units in Math and will begin addition and subtraction strategies in the next few weeks.

TEAM FOURTH

We have been very busy the last month! All classrooms finished chapter 4, division, in Go Math. Don't forget to log in to thinkcentral.com with your child. There are assignments there as well as the completed tests that you can view! The current chapter covers factors and multiples.

- * Another opportunity for math practice at home is Imagine Math at https://lms.thinkthroughmath.com/users/sign_in or <http://hpsmath.weebly.com/>
- * Remember to send permission slips or go on line to grant permission for our new social, emotional check in program. We are waiting to get all students enrolled before we begin. Go to <https://classcatalyst.app/activate/elliott-elementary> or let your teacher know if you need a hard copy.
- * Friday November 30 all classes will complete the unit 2 assessment for Reading Street. This is a pretty big test and students will spend hours sometimes completing it.
- * On a happy note, Mrs. Davis' class welcomed a new student recently. Her name is Mariah and she came to us from Eaton Rapids.

TEAM KINETICS

We've been doing some great learning in Kinetics! We have already worked on our overhand, underhand and disc throwing skills as well as basketball skills of dribbling, passing and shooting. Ask your child about using BEEF to help them shoot the ball better! Coming up after Thanksgiving, to take us into our winter break, is a whole school favorite - gymnastics! Students will be controlling their bodies through a vast variety of movements, including animal crawls, cartwheels, balances, rope ladder climbing, different types of rolls and much more.

The Gymnastics unit runs Nov. 26th-Dec. 21st. Please make sure your child has socks during this unit! There should be no dangly earrings, nothing in pockets, no watches, necklaces, or bracelets and they should wear comfortable clothing that allows them to move (nothing very tight or very loose and no skirts or dresses as they will be tumbling and rolling).

TEAM MUSIC & ARTS

We had a great turn-out for our first Pumpkin Decorating Contest! 74 students participated by decorating a pumpkin. Thank you for all who participated, and congratulations to our winners! A big thank you goes out to our sponsors, District 5 and EDRU, for generously providing their great prizes!

This winter season, First and Second Grade students will be having a sing-along concert here at Elliott! They are learning songs from the season and are excited to share them with students, staff, and family members. This event will take place on Wednesday, December 19th, during the school day. Second Grade's sing-along concert will begin at 1:45p.m., and First Grade's sing-along concert will begin at 2:30 p.m., in the cafeteria. Please join us for a great time of singing, dancing, and enjoying sweet treats!

In the music room, Kindergarten music students are enjoying exploring the different qualities of music, from fast to slow, high and low, happy and sad, and loud and soft. They will begin reading iconic notation as we prepare to read and play rhythms and melodies. Third grade has been exploring Major and Minor melodies, new note values, and time signature. Fourth grade is excited to start their recorder unit! They will be learning to read and play melodies, improvise shorts songs, and even compose their own pieces for recorder. Come and visit us anytime in the music room to see these talented students at work!

DEAN OF STUDENTS

A couple of months ago, I gave Elliott students the opportunity to participate in a writing contest to have a chance at naming the new Ingham County Sheriff Department's K9 dog. I received 100 amazing entries and submitted 3 creative names to the Sheriff. Out of all the entries that were submitted to the Sheriff's Department by participating Ingham County schools, the name that was chosen for the K9 dog was Gage submitted by our very own Rem Piper. Rem is a 3rd grader in Mrs. Klauka's class, and on Thursday this week Rem and his class had the opportunity to meet Gage and his handler, Deputy Troy Orweller. They celebrated the surprise announcement with pizza, cookies, and photographs with Gage. It was an exciting day for Rem and Team Elliott!

~Mrs. Nimphie, Dean of Students

**OCTOBER
STUDENT OF THE
MONTH**

Olivia Anderson
Chloe Pavaglio
Ryker Nugent
Gavin Nugent
Preston Tran
Ta'myra Evans
Brody Cornelius
Fri Kamdem
Ethan Sevenski
Rosario Garza
Olivia Dennon
Novalee Gemalsky
Dexter Krzyminski
Ethan Parce
Jenni Vo
Claire Howard
Emma Lownsbery

**NOVEMBER
STUDENT OF THE
MONTH**

Zay'vion Bradley
James Horn
Tyler Rice
Nah'Layah Woods
Estrellita Martinez
Gavin Alvarez
Elianah Slavik
Austin Tindle
Haley Tuttle
Jordyn Fiser
Myles Lersch
Ceazar Blankenburg
Katie Ahearn
Rochus Terrill
Enoch Fountain
Landyn Hawley
Shania Shamsiddeen

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ALL STAR STUDENTS

Carter Stephens, Wyatt Andrews, Makayla Alexander,
Nathan Lawton, Alaina Meredith, Caleb Wilkerson,
Aleaha Rieder, Ryan Cypher, Collin Vavro, Brody
Cornelius, Roslyn Potter, Rem Piper, Elizabeth Mausolf,
Taylor Bergey, Olivia Lake, Grace Nunn, Ny'layah
Woods, Sara Shabani, Ziad Abdelrahman, Clayton
Moreno, Emma Murphy, Carlos Salazar, Arlo Kopietz,
Kaelyn Abrigo, Zay'vion Bradley, Haley Tuttle, Payten
Varney, Anthony Jenks, Jemma Stepp, Celina Johnson-
Fielder, Hannah Maumbe, Declan Schram, Domenick
Williams, Ellie Drake, Makenzie Lindsay, Bella Kring,
Makenzie Lindsey, Anthony Jenks, Declan Schram, Lily
Parent, Axel Rothoff, Rachel Thurston, Frank Schmidt,
Lathyn Chesney.

TEAM ELLIOTT C.A.R.E.S.

Jenni Vo, Claire Lawton, Aiden Blossey, De'marion
Wardlaw, Haley Parent, Drilon Alshiqi, Scarlett Combs,
Zoe Cervanaku, Mario Faggion, Kaelyn Abrigo, Hayden
Samuelson, Makayla Smith, Kagan Dennon, Leland
Vergeson, Ziad Abdelrahman, Ashton Wenzel,
Trey'vaughan Young, Ben Jubeck, Kentyn Humes,
Novelee Gemalsky, Silas White, Austin Tindle, Grace
Nunn, Payten Varney, Carter Walker, Wyatt Andrews,
Lucas Lafay, Alaina Ryan-Meredith, Katie Sharp,
Gabriella Jackson

Share with a Board Member

Hello Elliott Families, I wanted to make you aware that
this year the district has decided to have a partnership
between school board members and buildings in which
each board member is the contact for that building. If
you are looking to speak with a school board member or
to ask questions about anything, Julie Bureau is the
school board member representative for Elliott. Julie will
be around at dismissal times periodically to talk with
parents and can also be contacted by email at
juliebureau@hpsk12.net.

We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for **Toys for
Tots** through Dec. 13th.

The Marine Toys for Tots is a program that helps provide
new, unopened gifts for children whose parents might
not be able to afford new toys for Christmas.

Ram Pride is showing with LOTS 2 LOVE in the School Lunch Programs!

Hi there! My name is Phil Chase, and I am a parent of kids who attend Elliott Elementary, the Main Campus, and the Senior High North Campus. (Special shout-out to my MSU freshman who graduated last year from Holt!) Throughout their years at Holt Schools, my kids have enjoyed getting their school lunches at Elliott, Hope Middle School, the Junior High, and the High School.

I also serve as the assistant director for the Office of Health and Nutrition Services at the Michigan Department of Education. Now I know that job title might sound like a mouthful (pun intended!) but what it means is that I help supervise and oversee Michigan's school-based meals, summer meals, meals for young learners, and food distribution programs. I must say, I have some wonderful and dedicated team members here to work with. They make sure that all of Michigan's kids get the nutrition they need and depend on each and every day—and extending into the weekends and the summer when school is not in session.

But today, it's time to talk Ram Pride. And we have a lot to be proud of.

Before I came to this position, I confess provided lunch most days to my kids. Why? As a parent, it was a way to show my love and care for them. As most of us can understand, a parent's love for his or her children naturally incorporates nutrition in the home. It's reflected in the food choices and eating habits we model and instill in our kids. Feeding them healthy meals, and bonding over shared mealtimes, are powerful ways in which we nurture and guide our children. It was no different for me—but I also wanted my kids to take that love with them, in the form of a carefully thought-out lunch taken from home. Of course, on days that I was away, or that it didn't quite work out for me to pack them a lunch, I made sure they had money in their school food account to cover a meal provided at school.

I simply hadn't realized it then, but love has been alive and well in our school cafeterias the whole time. Had I recognized it earlier, I may have asked my kids to participate more often in school meals, which I do now. Fellow Rams, we have a lot to be proud of if parents can look at the meals served in our district and see that same sense of caring as we have in our homes.

That love is in the thoughtful meal planning that I see on my fourth grader's meal calendar and in the extra choices my high schooler has if he needs a little more to eat to get him through the day. It's in the friendly greeting of the cafeteria worker that I heard today as I visited Elliott to help celebrate National School Lunch Week. It's when our kids know their rumbling bellies will be satisfied with a healthy and full lunch, and they can go back to the essential tasks of learning in the afternoon. It's in the tireless work of your food service director and his staff as he makes choices in the best interests of the kids they serve.

Fittingly, the theme of this year's National School Lunch Week is "School Lunch: LOTS 2 LOVE." There's a lot to love across the many school cafeterias Holt operates—but there's a lot of love too. As a parent, I know my kids are cared for each day with a delicious and healthy school lunch. With love like this that extends across my home and into the school building, I know my kids can put their focus on working hard in school to learn and achieve.

And thanks to Mrs. North and Dr. Hornak for helping to celebrate National School Lunch Week with a special photo shoot!

