

ELLIOTT TEAM NEWS



FEBRUARY 5th, 2019

“Teamwork Makes the Dream Work”

“Go Team!”

DATES TO REMEMBER

Edru Skate
February 26th
6:00-8:00pm

No School
Mid-Winter Break
February
18 – 22

Parent Teacher
Conferences
March 7th -8th
Dismissal
12:30

Spring Pictures
March 11th

Spring Break
March/April
29th – 5th

1:50 Dismissal
February
27th
March
13th
20th
April
17th
24th

Dear Elliott Families,

It's hard to believe that we are looking at Spring Conferences right around the corner especially when we are at this moment wondering if the next day we will have school due to ice or snow. So before spring comes we are enjoying this time of year to slow down and be mindful of our impact and relationships with you and your children. As you already know we really do love your children. We say it, we show it, and we really do mean it. As a building for the month of February we are taking the time to show gratitude and appreciation for each other. We are including students in on a Random Acts of Kindness Challenge that will be happening next week. We are also talking about empathy, what that is and how we can show it towards each other especially if someone is having a hard day. These are life skills that we value and are helping our students develop. There are amazing things that are happening every day in the classrooms and I hope you are enjoying the snippets that are shared on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. As always, my door is always open, for questions, comments, and or feedback.

Sincerely,

Erin North

MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

This is a friendly reminder that school starts at 8:30 each morning, and the doors near the bus lane/traffic loop will be locked at 8:35 a.m. We have several students arriving after 8:35 through those doors, which causes a problem with attendance. Students arriving after 8:35 are marked absent in the classroom. If they are not signed in by an adult in the office, that absence is not changed to a tardy and the system calls home. If you arrive after 8:35, you must drop your student off at door #1 by the office and an adult will need to sign-in the student. Thank you for following these drop-off procedures.

Mrs. Nymphie, Dean of Students

TEAM TK

We just finished learning more about what a community is and what makes our community special. We also have been talking about shapes lately too, both 2D and 3D (and the differences between them). We are continuing to build our letter and letter sound knowledge each day as well and have practiced with nearly every letter so far. As we start our new unit this week, we have started to look at farms and what happens on a farm. We have looked at some of the animals we could find on a farm as well as what crops farms grow. We are excited for what the rest of this year will hold!

TEAM KINDERGARTEN

It has been another busy, yet great month here in Kindergarten! We have been getting back into the routine of things after Winter break. Taking the time to review classroom rules, procedures and our Elliott CARES. The students have been working hard on becoming fluent grade level readers. They are enjoying take home reading bags, allowing them to practice their reading and high frequency words nightly. Students are also focusing on writing. They are stretching out words and writing down the sounds they hear. They are making sure their writing includes uppercase letters at the beginning of sentences and names, finger spaces between words and punctuation at the end of sentences. In math the students have been working on addition and creating number pairs to 10. As a grade level, students are continuing to focus on feelings with emotions charts and expressing our feelings through words and problem solving.

TEAM FIRST

First graders have been busy reading, writing and singing about what we learn as we grow and change. We spent a lot of time talking about how we are all different learners that learn skills on our own time. As we read our stories this week, we searched for words that had the -nk and -ng sounds at the end. We also spent time identifying the compound words in our stories. In writing, we began a new opinion piece. The students wrote about whether they liked the story Ruby in Her Own Time, and gave three reasons to support their opinion. In math, we are continuing to model and draw to show tens and ones. This week we focus on numbers larger than 100. We look forward to more adventures ahead!

TEAM SECOND

Happy January! We've been busy in 2nd grade this month! Reading Street focused on creativity for this unit, discussing where creative ideas come from, how to surprise someone with creativity, and getting support from others for your creative ideas. We've also spent this unit practicing verbs, or action words. Play a game of Verb Simon Says with your child! In math, we've completed the chapter on double digit subtraction. Now that students can perform addition and subtraction with two digits, it's on to three digits. We've also changed our switches (Science, Social Studies, and Health) to three days a week so we're not missing out on any lessons. On to February!

TEAM THIRD

Third grade is moving along nicely. We all enjoyed our winter break and we are back to work. We started fractions in math. That is going well. We have great journals to show from our First Look every morning. We are paying attention to temperatures, nature, changes in trees, sounds and what we see from all levels around us. It is an amazing time for us to be together. We celebrated pajama/movie day after reaching our goal with food donations. That was so much fun. We are now looking forward to Annie's Big Nature Lesson the week of February 4-8. We will make some wonderful memories and learn so much about the environment and the winter season around us.

TEAM FOURTH

Another busy time period for 4th graders here at Elliott. We are trying to get back in the swing of things after the holidays. Starting on the week we got back all students were screened in 3 areas, math, reading fluency, and math computation. We use that data to monitor student growth and each area has a target the students should be meeting. Then snow days, MLK day and cold weather have disrupted the routine some.

We launched Class Catalyst this month. It has been interesting to watch the students as they "check in" each day. I see students doing movements, breathing exercises, drawings, writing on scrap paper and shredding the words. The students seem to look forward to it and have asked later in the day if they can do a check in. We received 10 iPads that we use sometimes, or we get the computer cart so we can do it all at once.

All classes are finished or close to finishing chapter 7 in Go math. Get on a computer and have your student log in. You can see what we are working on and all their tests they have taken.

We had a really fun time at the High School, watching a free performance by Three Men and a Tenor. Two of the performers live here in Holt!

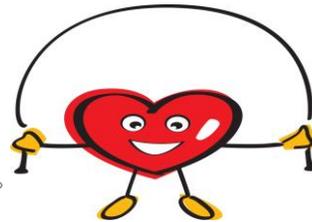
TEAM KINETICS

In Kinetics we have been focusing on bowling ever since our return from break. Ask your child what a pendulum swing looks like and who the super hero is that helps us to remember how to hold the bowling ball correctly!

Up next, is Kids Heart Challenge (formerly known as Jump Rope for Heart)! KHC is an opportunity to raise funds to help kids with special hearts as well as have some fun exercising by jump roping. The jump roping takes place in your child's normal Kinetics classes. This is becoming quite a tradition and we have exceeded expectations every year since 2013. Last year, we raised over \$9,663.00!!! Please visit the link or scan the QR code below to learn more and sign your child up! Keep an eye out for more information that will be coming home in Friday folders. <http://www2.heart.org/goto/ElliottEL>



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TEAM MUSIC & ARTS

This month in Integrated Arts, we are transitioning from our focus on Music to Visual Arts. Students will be studying the concepts of shape, line, and color through a variety of art activities, different for every grade level. We will also be working on artwork for our fundraiser, Art to Remember. Art to Remember is a program that transfers your students' art on to a piece of memorabilia, which make great presents for family members. Be on the lookout for order forms in March when our art is processed and each student will receive their personal order form. Also, check out our trophy case for samples of the items you can purchase!

We are also celebrating the generous grant that Elliott Elementary has received for music and arts! Mrs. Barnes applied for and received an Arts Equipment and Supplies Grant totaling an incredible \$1430, dedicated for new musical instruments and art supplies. We are thrilled to be able to fill the Integrated Arts room with beautiful hand drums and percussion, as well as high-quality art supplies such as oil pastels, watercolor paints, brushes, acrylic paint, and more! This activity is supported by Michigan Youth Arts and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. We are so thankful for their support of the arts in our schools!

Last, as we begin our venture into visual arts, we are always thankful for donations! Currently, our room is in need of supplies such as baby wipes, paper plates, paper towel, and disinfectant wipes. Any donation would be greatly appreciated!



**DECEMBER
STUDENT OF THE
MONTH**

Mohamed Kone
Paloma Mendez
Kole Friesen
Drilon Alshiqi
Tyler Wenzel
Alexander Amunga
Maddison Shurmantine
Ellie Drake
Maya Romankewiz
Ayden Parker
Kentyn Humes
Mia Nicholson
Alban Hisenaj
Faye Giorio
Blake Jackson
Summer Grover
Adri Osmani

Our next Book fair will be March 5-7, so look for an email to sign-up to volunteer coming next month.

Please send in your Box Tops by February 15.

**JANUARY
STUDENT OF THE
MONTH**

Sabrina Bhandari
Elizabeth Arnold
Rylan Patterson
Grace Nunn
Caden Dziachan
Brodyn Teets
Isabelle Earley
Lyric Fell
Emma Murphy
Wren Kinkley
Frank Schmidt
Donovan Sanchez
Sydni Brown
Karter Dextrom
Alesia Mason
Finn Ferrigan
Makayla French

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ALL STAR STUDENTS

Kealani Allen, Axel Rothoff, Elianah Slavik, Celina Johnson-Fielder, Domenick Williams, Josiah Zavala, Carter Stephens, Daphne Elder, Makenzie Lindsay, Ziad Abdelrahman, Charlie Tobias, Andrew Clark, Lily Allen, Scarlett Yang, Bayleigh Patterson, Nolan Condie, Emma Lownsbery, Emma Ankney, Jordyn Fiser, Mark Hoogendyk, Cameron Casner, Haizel Akouwakh, Clarie Howard, Reid Welch, Meara McCormick, Summer Grover, Leighton Ruff, Lathyn Chesney, Brooks Cornelius, Zayden Le, Quentin Rusnak, Maren Rusnak, Trent Davies, Nate Lawton, Teo Allen, Hannah Maumbe, Emma Murphy, Katherine Hebert, Ben Jubeck, Braedon Drullinger, Aiyana Manning, Isabella Lopez, Ethan Parce, Claire Lawton, Faye Giorio, Dexter Krzyminski, Elizabeth Kempf, Maren Rusnak, Sawyer Nelson, Tyonna Vickers, Chase Canupp

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

Isabelle Early, NyTreece Woods, Adalyn Norris, Aiyana Manning, Brody Cornelius, Analyiah Grose, Uhmareah Cohen, Summer Grover, Waylon Andrews, Maren Rusnak, William Harden, Aubriana Patterson, Henry Ketchum, Andrew Clark, Elicia Islas, Finn Ferrigan, Aleaha Rieder, Makayla French, Mason Arford, Chloe Nguyen, Deondre Jackson, Avery Stadt, Adryn Parker, Kailyn Sowards, Sabrina Bhandari, Wren Krinkley, Evan Sofian, Adriana Holliday, Landyn Taggart, Tara Osmani, Carmine Diaz, Aiden Harrison, Lilliana Sanchez, Kennedi Brown, Olsa Alshiqi

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