

# ELLIOTT TEAM NEWS



March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**“Teamwork Makes the Dream Work”**

**“Go Team!”**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Spring Break**  
**March/April**  
29<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

**1:50 Dismissal**  
**April**  
17<sup>th</sup>  
24<sup>th</sup>

**Edru Skate Night**  
April 25<sup>th</sup>  
6-8pm

**Spring Fling**  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:30-8pm

Dear Elliott Families,

A dear friend and educational consultant and I were talking recently and she said, “If you don’t feel anything, knowing is not enough” when referring to the high level of care and compassion that the staff at Elliott Elementary exhibit on a daily basis.

We love our students at Elliott and know that working together as a team to support them is our number one priority. This year we have intentionally spent time addressing the “whole child” which means that the social and emotional development lays the ground work for the academic component and must come first.

We are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of your child/children’s life and to partner with you to help them develop into positive, caring individuals that will one day change the world.

If you are interested in hearing more about what we are doing here at Elliott, attend a PTO meeting and I would be happy to share more.

Take care and be safe over Spring Break!

Sincerely,

Erin North



### **DEAN OF STUDENTS**

Being mindful of the words we say and the way we treat each other is an important part of learning and growing. We practice showing kindness and love to each other in a variety of ways. Team Elliott members remind each other to "Choose Kind".

Knowing that we can be loved exactly as we are gives us all the best opportunity for growing into the healthiest of people.

~Fred Rogers~

Erin Nimphie

### **TEAM TK**

Once we get back from Spring Break, TK will really be getting prepared for entering Kindergarten in the fall. We will begin reviewing all of the letters and letter sounds again, continuing to practice our counting, and will have more structure during our center time. All of these things will help prepare us for what Kindergarten is like. We are also excited to continue learning more new things and practice what we've already learned!

### **TEAM KINDERGARTEN**

The kindergarten teachers enjoyed sharing how much our kindergarteners are learning with parents at our March Conferences. We are so proud of their hard work. In the classrooms we are getting the kindergarteners ready for first grade! We are reviewing the Elliott C.A.R.E.S and what it means to be a learner. We are really working on our reading by practicing sounding out words, looking at the pictures for help, reading our sight words, and making sure what we are saying makes sense. In writing we are making sure we are adding capital letters at the beginning of our sentences along with making sure the rest of our letters are lowercase, using punctuation, spaces, spelling sight words correctly, and rereading our sentence to make sure that our writing makes sense and can easily be read. We are continuing to use our feelings chart to express our feelings throughout the day. The students are becoming more compassionate to others, expressing how they feel, and using strategies to work out those feelings.

### **TEAM FIRST**

This week our first graders have been busy reading, writing and singing about the treasures we find in our own country. One of our stories took us on a tour of Washington D.C. We also learned about other treasures like the Statue of Liberty and the Grand Canyon. As we read our stories this week, we searched for words with the long o sound in the middle and at the end (spelled -oa and -ow). In writing, we wrote an opinion piece about what we thought would make a good field trip. The students made sure to give three reasons to support their opinion. In math, we started our unit on measurement. In science, we have been learning about the life cycles of different animals. We look forward to more adventures ahead!

## **TEAM SECOND**

2nd grade is just wrapping up our Reading unit that deals with changes. How do things change? How do they stay the same? Why are some changes difficult? If you have family changes happening (i.e. moving houses, divorce, etc.) now would be a great time for a discussion with your 2nd grader! In math we've moved on to counting money and telling time. These are important life skills, please practice with your kiddos at home. If you have any change in your pocket, let them count it! it would also be a great time to implement a small allowance to teach saving and spending. Lastly, in "switches" (Science, Social Studies, and Health) we've been working on growing plants, market economy, and managing strong feelings.

## **TEAM THIRD**

We had a wonderful few days at Annie's Big Nature Lesson in February! We were able to explore and observe in nature, and we saw a lot of evidence of the animals around us. We have continued our First Look and journaling in the morning, because we will be returning to Annie's Big Nature lesson at the end of April. We look forward to warmer temperatures and new observations when we return. We are finishing up our fourth unit in Reading Street. We will start our fifth unit (on cultures) after spring break. In math, we have been working on addition and subtraction within 1,000. We have learned several new strategies, and every student seems to have a favorite!

## **TEAM FOURTH**

Hello from the fourth grade hallway! Well, like everybody else the snow days really messed with our schedule. We have a very tight time line for getting all the core subjects taught. How do you hurry up and teach a subject yet not leave out important information? What we teach is a foundation for 5th grade so we need to cover everything! Speaking of middle school, we did pay a visit to Hope to see the "Notables" presentation the 5th graders do each year. It is always nice to see past students and the work they are doing at Hope. The visit also helps make the 4th graders feel more comfortable about their future. Currently the big project here is the Invasive Species Report. Students will have to put the poster together at home over the next few weeks so make sure you get a poster board. Not the cardboard tri-fold; Just a simple, thin poster. You should be seeing the paperwork come home soon.

From Mr. Smith: We are in need of more safeties for street post. The student I am looking for must be able to be here by 8am and stay after school until 3:45. The shifts are in 2 week rotations, 2 weeks on and 2 weeks off. If your child is interested, please reach out to me. The Student must be in responsible and in good academic standing. [fwsmith@hpsk12.net](mailto:fwsmith@hpsk12.net). I will need their name and current teacher.

## TEAM KINETICS

In KINETICS, we have great 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 Kids Heart Challenge! We ended with a grand total of \$6,326.38! Way to go Elliott Eagle students and families! Thank you so much for your generosity!

Our next unit that we have been working on 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 8th to May 24th! The students are getting very excited! :)

We are still in need of volunteers to hole punch Mileage Club cards during recesses, please email Mr. Barrix if you are available: [wbarrix@hpsk12.net](mailto:wbarrix@hpsk12.net)

## TEAM MUSIC & ARTS

Hello Artists! In March, students officially began exploring the elements of art. After completing our Art to Remember projects, we studied the first two elements of art- line and shape. Students worked with many different mediums and materials including watercolor, marker, crayon, colored pencil, and oil pastels. We even read books that explored lines and patterns! As we move forward, students will be studying the use of color and form, and adding contrast and emphasis.

I would like to thank families who participated in our Art to Remember fundraiser- I am so excited to see the beautiful keepsakes with your students' art work! The proceeds from our fundraiser will provide more materials and resources to our students. Their original works of art will be returned after spring break.

Last, the Art room is always in need of extra materials. Donations of fine tip black sharpies, Crayola classic markers, pencils, paper towel, and paper plates are always greatly appreciated! Next month we will announce the date for our end of the year Art Show, so keep a look out!

Elliott's Walking School Bus program will be restarted on Tuesday, April 9th. We will meet and walk on **Tuesdays & Thursdays ONLY**, at the farmer's market on Cedar St., and begin to walk at 8:00 am. Students can get a walking card from the office and use these cards to track their days and have them signed & dated by any adult. After every 20 days of walking or biking to school, completed cards should be placed in the WSB bucket in the school office for an entry into the drawing for the end of the year prize.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS:** All that's needed is a free background check and one or two hours of your time a week to walk the kids from the market to the school. Please contact the WSB Coordinator if you are interested ASAP.

Lisa Bean, WSB Coordinator

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282-5542 (call or text)

**FEBRUARY  
STUDENT OF THE  
MONTH**

Clayton Moreno  
Chloe Price-Ducar  
Ryan Cypher  
Isabella Lopez  
Nate Lawton  
Xzavier Grover  
Dominic Moreno  
Camryn Curry  
Jaybrielle Medes  
Chloe Nguyen  
Aleja Shabani  
Riley Chance  
Ivy Nguyen  
Stryder Fountain  
Leland Vergeson  
Carter Walker  
Meara McCormick

**MARCH  
STUDENT OF THE  
MONTH**

Dalton Loomis  
Stella Rankin  
Kaelyn Abrigo  
Bella Kring  
Leighton Ruff  
Taylor Bergey  
Zainab Al-Nassar  
Ny'Treece Woods  
Teo Allen  
Axel Rothoff  
Robbie Davies  
Leo Carson  
Elliott Doss  
Deshawn Davis  
Rachel Thurston  
Landon Thurston

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**ALL STAR STUDENTS**

Persayus Fernandez, Rem Piper, Cobe Johnson, Haley Tuttle, Grace Nunn, Collin Vavro, Ashton Wenzel, Adriana Quintero-Simon, Norah Anderson

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

Grace Keep-Sparks, Lily Parent, Stryder Fountain, Nora Bollinger, Lullaby Yang, Claire Lawton, Daphne Elder, Trent Davies, Caden Dziachan, Lanie Lawton, Raymond Rowe, Chloe Pavoglio, Arlo Kopietz, Nicholas Hilton, Ny'Layah Woods

**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](mailto:juliebureau@hpsk12.net)

