

# ELLIOTT TEAM NEWS



May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**“Teamwork  
Makes the  
Dream Work”  
“Go Team!”**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Walkathon**

May 24<sup>th</sup>  
12-3pm

### **1:50 Dismissal**

May  
15<sup>th</sup>  
22<sup>nd</sup>

### **No School**

May 27<sup>th</sup>

### **Art Show**

May 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Field Day**

June 6<sup>th</sup>  
12:45-3:15pm

### **4th Grade Graduation**

June 13th  
10:30am  
½ Day, 12:30 Dismissal

### **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!**

June 14th  
½ Day, 12:30 Dismissal

Dear Elliott Families,

Every year when we get to this point it seems almost beyond belief that we are at the end of another school year. As the saying goes, the time does fly. It has been an amazing school year and the staff at Elliott has loved being a part of your child's education and life.

As we wrap up the remainder of the school year I want to bring a few upcoming events to your attention. Our Walkathon which is our last PTO event for the school year will be held on Friday, May 24th each grade level's time is listed as follows: 12:30 – K/TK, 1:00 – 1st, 1:30 – 2nd, 2:00 – 4th, 2:30 – 3rd. Each grade level will walk/run the Mileage Course to music as this will be their last day of Mileage Club and will count towards their total miles walked. Parents are welcome to come to attend to cheer on their child or to walk with them. This is a PTO fundraiser, please have all pledges turned into the office before the 24th.

We also will be hosting our first ever Art Show at Elliott hosted by Mrs. Barnes. Stay tuned for more details as this is planned for Thursday, May 30th from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Our last whole school family event for the school year is Field Day which falls on Thursday, June 6th from 12:45-3:15pm.

Thank you for your love and support this school year. The office will be open until June 21st if you have any questions before we leave for the summer. If you have questions in July, please call Central Office Administration. The Elliott office will reopen on August 7th.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Erin North

### **DEAN OF STUDENTS**

One of my favorite shows as a child was Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. As a parent and an educator, he has become one of my heroes and is someone that I truly admire. I wanted to share a few famous quotes from Fred Rogers that inspire me. Enjoy! ~Erin Nimphie

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes."

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

"There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind."

### **TEAM TK**

TK is starting to look a lot more like Kindergarten in these last couple of weeks. We have started doing "morning work" after breakfast which has been additional writing practice, like letters, numbers, and name writing each day. We have built more structure into our day and have been doing various literacy and math centers every day. We are still working on letter sounds and have begun working on writing numbers now as well. We are looking forward to what the rest of the year holds!

### **TEAM KINDERGARTEN**

We are busy in kindergarten and we cannot believe that the end of the year is approaching! The students are writing multiple sentences in their stories and some children are even writing stories with a beginning, middle, and end. We are reviewing our sight words and working hard to read and write all 40 kindergarten sight words. In math we are focusing on counting and number recognition, as well as reviewing and practicing addition and subtraction. The goal in kindergarten is to count to 100 by ones and tens and to count on from a given number. The goal for number recognition is to identify numbers 0-20. We are working on identifying numbers beyond 20 and the kids are definitely up for the challenge! We are using a 100s chart to see and study patterns in numbers. In science we are studying Trees and Weather with an emphasis on living and nonliving things. We are excited for our field trip to Potter Park Zoo on June 5th!

### **TEAM FIRST**

Over the past two months, first graders have been starting their days with a morning meeting. The focus has been on various topics to strengthen our social-emotional learning and problem solving skills at school. The students have really enjoyed learning new calming strategies, reading stories about school problems they can relate to, acting out problems with puppets, and getting to know their classmates better. We are hoping these morning meeting skills will translate to non-structured times of the day when students are having increased difficulties with their peers. Thus far, we have noticed some great changes! We look forward to student's problem solving with their peers more effectively!

## **TEAM SECOND**

2nd grade couldn't be more excited for our field trip to the MSU Children's Garden next week! We can't wait to learn about plants, pollination, and more! Thank you to all parents that are making the trip possible by sending in permission slips, payment, and chaperoning.

We're close to finishing our Reading Street unit on responsibility. Your child learned about being a responsible friend and neighbor, pet owner, and citizen. They also learned how to take responsibility when they've made a mistake: admit your mistake, apologize, and fix the problem.

In math we've been working on measurement. Chapter 8 was using standard measurement (inches, feet, yards) and chapter 9 is using metric (centimeters, meters). Luckily, these chapters were pretty easy for most kids. Next chapter will cover data and graphing.

Lastly, we've been working hard by walking and running every day at Mileage Club! Just a few 2nd graders so far have earned their water bottle. Hopefully more will soon!

## **TEAM THIRD**

"Third grade has been continuing our "First Look" experience and we've got lots of observations in our journals! We're looking forward to some nicer weather when we return to Fenner and Woldumar Nature Centers at the end of April. We have studied many different comprehension skills and, in our current unit, we've studied how different cultures of people interact and what their culture looks like. Our current Math unit teaches students how to measure, which includes finding elapsed time. We'll be putting all of the knowledge we have to use on the upcoming M-STEP test, which begins in May."

## **TEAM FOURTH**

This time of year can be very stressful for 4th graders. It is becoming clear the year is almost over. Kids are already saying "I don't want to leave Elliott." The end of year is signaled by all the assessments the kids are doing right now. In addition to our normal weekly and unit or chapter tests, there is a long list of others that are added in April and May. They have just finished 3 small assessments we use to measure growth, reading words per minute test, a reading comprehension test, and a basic math computation test. The big one is the M-Step that we are currently in the midst of. After that it is back to chapter and weekly tests. Once we get past Memorial Day we will start administering the district end of year benchmark tests so we can see how effective our teaching has been. We did manage to squeeze in a field trip to see the Lansing Symphony Orchestra, and we got on TV doing Yoga



## TEAM KINETICS

We have successfully kicked off Mileage Club and for our first week as a school, we walked for a total of 1165 miles!! Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up to hole punch during recesses! You are very appreciated!

Recently, we have been working on Volleyball skills, including bump passes, set passes and underhand serves and are practicing some of those skills in my 12 Square in the Air structure.

Our next and final big unit coming up is Sport Stacking (using the Speed stack cups). Sport stacking promotes hand-eye coordination, ambidexterity, quickness, concentration and fitness and students love it! Sport stacking uses both sides of the body and brain developing important skills needed to dribble and shoot a basketball, throw and catch a baseball, play a musical instrument, type on a computer and more. Your child will have a chance to order their own Speed Stacks during our unit (more information will be coming soon).

Lastly, I'm excited to say that Field Day is coming up! It will be held on Thursday, June 6th from 12:45-3:15pm. I am trying something new by using the same Sign Up Genius that classroom teachers use for conferences! If you are available to help run a station, please sign up using the link below.

<mailto:https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4eaaad2eabfd0-field>

Volunteers are needed for Elliott's Field Day! Sign up for only one slot. Please plan to arrive at 12:15pm (30 minutes prior to the start time) so I can explain your station to you and get you set up. Visit - Field Day Information to learn more.



This year, I would like to thank Farm Bureau and one of its wonderful agents, Matthew Thornton for the generous donation of \$250 to support our ACES day and Mileage Club Program!!



## **TEAM MUSIC/ARTS**

Greetings from the art room! Our students have been busy exploring color theory. They are learning to mix primary colors to make secondary colors, as well as creating value by making our colors lighter and darker. We are excitedly preparing for our Art Show! Elliott will be hosting an Art Gallery Walk on Thursday, May 30th from 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m. Come to enjoy treats and stroll throughout the school where art work will be on display from every student and grade level. We are also hoping to reveal our rock garden project, and our recycled art projects, at this grand event!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Art to Remember Fundraiser. It was wonderful to see all the beautiful creations, and I hope they will be treasured keepsakes for years to come. Your participation will help purchase more quality art and music supplies for our students.

Lastly, we are collecting recyclable products, and are always looking for donations of a few helpful items. Third and Fourth Grade Team Time students are collecting plastic bottle caps and container lids, with which we hope to make a colorful mural. We are also collecting water bottles and hope to make a recycled version of a "glass" chandelier. In addition, the art room could always use donations of supplies such as paper towel, baby wipes, and paper plates. Thank you for your support!



**APRIL  
STUDENT OF THE  
MONTH**

Hayden Samuelson  
Karina Rice  
Haley Parent  
Henry Ketchum  
Medina Shabani  
Paige Allen  
Kealani Allen  
Jett Rusnak  
Micaiah Chamber  
Cooper Shipley  
Avery Lindemeier  
Bryceton Timmer  
Naaliya Pearson  
Carter Stephens  
Adriana Quintero-Simon  
Teagan Shram  
Haizel Akowuah

**MAY  
STUDENT OF THE  
MONTH**

Sienna Staley  
Xavier Womack  
Zoey Rosales  
Gabriella Jackson  
Kagan Dennen  
Reese Norris  
Julian Wackowski-Pride  
Amelia Tomasik  
Jack Arnold  
Kyree Reese  
Jaleel Liddell  
Edward Moore Jr.  
Autumn Jones  
Conner Denison  
Karah Quintero-Simon  
A'myah Roper  
Maren Rusnak

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**ALL STAR STUDENTS**

Rashar Glass, Alaino Ryan-Meredith, Austin Tindle, Wyatt Andrews, Moriah Slavik, Makaila Salas, Jaren Stepp, Tyler Rice, DeMarcus Brown, Emma Lownsberry, Arlo Kopietz, Sara Shabani, Conner Denison, Clayton Moreno, Ziad Abdelrahman, Brielle Rieder, Ethan Sevenski, Declan Schram, Norah Anderson

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

Deshawn Davis, Blake Jackson, Gianna Tyler, James Horn, Lillyen Simon, Conner West, Skyler Greer, Ellie Drake, Chase Canupp, Haley Tuttle, Kobe Velasquez, De'marion Wardlaw, Jordyn Fiser, Matziry Guzman-Huicochea, Lillian Terrill, Clayton Moreno, Arlo Kopietz, Elizabeth Kempf, Brielle Rieder, Reese Norris, Devion Dillard, Emmeline Culp, Leighton Ruff, Jayden Cooper, Marleigh Heger, Calvin Mikho, Persayus Fernandez

**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)

