

Elliott's Fin-tastic News

September 2019



“SHELLEBRATIONS”

Aspyn Lindemeier, Madelyn Cousino, Samuel Mauger, Jillian Reynolds-King, Darrell Pointer, Blake Slaughter, Alayah Stokes, Margaret Ouko, Lyiera Thompson, Brooks Cornelius, Reid Welch, Faye Giorio, Donovan Sanchez, Andrew Clark, Raymond Rowe, Novalee Gemalsky, Cameron Casner, Medina Shabani, Chloe Paveglio, Domenick Williams, Linor Alshiqi, Deyton Woldt, Austin Tindle, Easton Rangel, Chloe Nguyen, Kennedy Jackson-Bray, Aiden Urban, Deondre Jackson, Ta'Myra Evans, Darquise Hawkins, Hayden Samuelson, Sydney Brown, Rosie Garza, Elizabeth Arnold, Evelyn Schmidt, Emma Lownsbery, Cobe Johnson, Amelia Tomasik, Mia Nicholson, Nicholas Bauer, Karter Dextrom, Micaiiah Camper, Jayvion Shamsiddean, Olivia Lake, Anesa Hanna, Jacob Howard, Riley Chance, Caden Dziachan, Andrew Emanuel-Tchounke, Ty Lownsberry, Rosalie Giorio, Zoey Wesley, Cecelia Fairman, Ceazar Blankenburg, Aleja Shabani, Reese Thornton, Lucas Lafay, Bella Kring, Sara Shabani, Ashton Wenzel, Mckaelah Feeheley, Robert Davies, Tamyia Dorty, Kyree Reese, Julio Cuellar, Avery Lindemeier, Felicity Caine, Matthew Nichols

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Declan Schram
Jonathan McNair
Adri Osmani
Lyric Fell
John Haney
Brodyn Teets
Avery Baugh
Aleaha Rieder
Anesa Hanna
Tahlia Myers
Nasia Nguyen
Jameah Young
Margaret Ouko
Ty Lownsbery
Kailyn Sowards
Elizabeth Kempf
Ny'Treece Woods

EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAYS

1:50

October

16th
23rd
30th

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2nd
Count Day

**No School
Fall Break**
October 7th-11th

Edru Skate Night
October 17th
6pm-8pm

“FIN-TASTIC WORK”

Ziad Abdelrahman
Aiden Urban
Alayah Strokes
Leyra Thompson
Adeline Erzen
Ariana Mujdanovic-Hanna
Byron Lake
Carter Walker
Henry Ketchum
Cecelia Fairman
Margaret Ouko
Eisley Myers
Olivia Doss
Macie Martin
Laila Rankin
Edmund Krzyminski
Chase Williams

P.T.O. MEETING

October 15th @ 6:30
IN THE LIBRARY

Walking School Bus is starting again. We will walk on Tuesdays & Thursdays. We will begin walking from the Holt Trailhead Park on Holt Rd, just west of Delhi Manor on Tuesday, September 17th. We will start walking to Elliott at 8:10am. If the neon "Walking Wally" sign is not out, we will not be walking that day. Any questions, please contact Lisa Bean at lisabean69@hotmail.com



TK

We are learning a lot about school and the different activities we get to do each day. We have done a lot of playing these first few weeks, whether it's in the pretend play area, the building center, or creating something in the art area. We are also getting used to the routine of school and the different places we go throughout our week, like to Kinetics, Integrated Arts, the cafeteria, or the playground. We have spent time discussing our emotions and what we can do if we are upset. And in the next few weeks we will continue looking at what makes each of us unique and how we can be a good friend to others. :)

SECOND GRADE

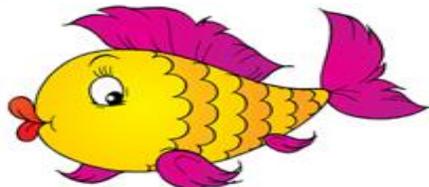
2nd grade is off to a great start! We're already done with our first chapter in Math, which covered number sense with two-digit numbers. We've also been working on single digit addition and subtraction fluency by using "grab and count". Ask your child to demonstrate this for you! Also, please continue to practice quick adding and subtracting at home whenever possible. This is a very important skill to have mastered before we get into double- and triple-digit equations. In Reading we're almost finished with our first unit, which covered exploration. We've "explored" different communities, space, nature, and the desert. We're also working hard on personal narratives- come see your child's in the 2nd grade hallway! Last, we want to thank all parents that showed up to make goals for your 2nd grader this year. We'll be working hard on those and appreciate your support.

KINDERGARTEN

The first month of school has been extremely busy here in kindergarten! We have spent time learning and practicing the classroom rules, the school rules and our behavior expectations in the classroom and outside at recess.

In reading street, we have been reviewing the letters of the alphabet and recognizing that some words begin with the same sound, while others do not. We have also been practicing rhyming words and clapping out the syllables in words. In math we have been working in chapter 1 which focuses on writing, showing and counting numbers 0 to 5.

In Science we are discussing living and nonliving things. We discussed that we are scientists and that scientists observe, compare and investigate. We sorted living and nonliving picture cards and we discussed what they had in common/didn't have in common. We also sorted the living things by animals and plants. All of these fun discussions and activities will help us answer our big question of why there are no longer any monarch caterpillars in the garden (which was a field) in Mariposa grove. We are looking forward to what the rest of the year holds!



FIRST GRADE

This month our first graders have been busy reading, writing and singing about people who help animals. As we read our stories, we have been focusing on identifying characters and summarizing what we read. We are also searching carefully to find the problem and solution in stories. In writing, we have been working together to write narratives. The class worked hard to complete a planning web, a rough draft and a final draft. In math we are practicing solving subtraction problems using multiple strategies. We are working hard to build our fact fluency. We look forward to more adventures ahead!

THIRD GRADE

Third grade is off to a wonderful start. We started our Social Studies, Imagine Math, and Health switches. Mrs. Simowski is teaching Social Studies to everyone once a week after lunch. Miss Curtis teaches Health and Mrs. Klauka is doing Imagine Math.

We leave for Annie's Big Nature lesson the week of September 30th - October 4th. We are so excited. We will be there each day learning so many things about nature and science. The bus will take us each morning at 8:45 and we return by 2:00. We will be observing and taking long walks. What a great program.

We are into multiplication in math and well into Reading Street. We are working on narrative writing and spelling is also underway. The year is going well.

FOURTH GRADE

This being the first newsletter of the year, a lot has happened since August 21! We started off the year with a ton of benchmark testing. The kids take two big ones with us, beginning of the year (BOY) math test and Reading Street. These are super hard because they are on 4th grade material. We give the same test at the end of the year (EOY) and use that to measure student growth. After that, we had a series of “screening” tests that drill down into specific areas. This helps drive how we work with individual students.

Sweet, those are done! We did have some fun when Mark from Original Okinawan Karate of Holt, paid the school a visit. They are big supporters of the students at Elliott! We have gotten going on all subjects in the classrooms. This year we have a weekly quote and focus we discuss with the kids. This last week was “responsibility” and “Nobody is perfect, that’s why pencils have erasers.” Thanks for attending conferences last week and keep up the daily at reading while at home.

KINETICS

This is going to be another wonderful year in Kinetics! In August and September in Kinetics, we worked on routines and procedures in the gym, Problem solving strategies using the Rock Paper Scissors game, cooperation skills using a parachute, as well as learning expectations within playground games such as 4 Square and Tetherball. We’ve also just begun our basketball unit which focuses on the skills of dribbling, passing and shooting.

MUSIC/ARTS

Welcome to Music and Art! My name is Jeannette Barnes, and this is my second year here at Elliott Elementary. Elliott students will have my class twice a week. We will study music for the first half of the year and visual arts for our second half of the year. Each grade level will have a musical performance, as well as participate in a school-wide art show in the spring! Be on the lookout for more art happenings here at Elliott throughout the year, such as our Pumpkin Decorating Contest in October and our Art to Remember Fundraiser in the Spring.

Our music and art program are always looking for helpful donations! Here is a wish list of supplies and donations that would be helpful throughout the year. If you are able to pick a few things up, please label your donations with “Art Room” when your student brings them in. Recycled items will be collected in the file cabinet outside of the room. Helpful supplies include: Baby Wipes, Paper Towel, Black Fine-Point Sharpies, Crayola 24-count crayons, Crayola Washable markers, Crayola 12-count colored pencils, Wax-coated paper plates, and Metallic Sharpies in gold and silver. Also, we are collecting some recyclables throughout the year, including colorful plastic bottle tops, water bottles, clean “Chobani” (wide) Greek yogurt cups, and foam egg cartons. Thank you for supporting the arts here at Elliott!

Dean’s Report

The start of the school year has been “fin-tastic”! I am excited to be supporting our Elliott Eagles socially, emotionally, and behaviorally again this year. I wanted to share with you a couple of new initiatives we are working on as a building this year.

Each week we have a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) focus skill. This focus skill is something students and teachers discuss during morning meetings and refer to throughout each day. Our SEL focus skills for the month of September have been composure, identifying emotions, problem solving/conflict resolution, positive mindset, responsibility, and friendship skills. We also examine a character quote each week. The quote of the week for September 30-October 4 comes from author Claire Cook. “If plan A doesn’t work – remember the alphabet has 25 more letters.” These routines, rituals and structures will help build and support our school family.

We have also started spending time in our School Family groups. School Families are made up of approximately 25 students from all different grade levels with a teacher as the family leader. We spend 30 minutes with our family groups on full day Wednesdays. Each family group has selected a family name and has decorated fish that you will soon see displayed in a mural here at school. This has been a wonderful way for students and teachers to meet and make connections with various students in the building. We are looking forward to several fun activities during our School Family time this year.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Elliott Families,

I would like to start off by thanking everyone for their support in making the start of this year a success. Our staff has done a tremendous job in preparing for this year and I am grateful for their efforts. Our parents have been warm and welcoming which has made my transition much easier.

Transitioning to a new school as a building principal poses many challenges. One of my main goals during this transition is learning as much as possible as quickly as possible. I know the comment is vague in nature, but it is 100% true. Each day, this has been my goal and each day it will continue to be my goal. As a team at Elliott, we are lifelong learners and the mentality starts with the principal on down.

We have been very busy so far this school year. Last week we held our book fair and it was a success. Half of the proceeds from the fair go back to the school in the form of scholastic dollars. We can then purchase more supplies to improve our library/reading programs. PTO's efforts spearheading the fair are greatly appreciated.

We have also extended our relationship with Kiwanis in which we are starting a club specifically designed to provide our kids opportunities to gain leadership skills and to give back to the community. We are excited to see how this helps our kids grow!

Several reminders to keep our students growing mentally, emotionally, and physically are:

1. Set a goal to read with your child 20 minutes per day.
2. Please stay away from distracted driving with your children; especially in the school parking lot.
3. All children need love... we communicate this daily at Elliott. Are you?

I will continue to communicate with our parents on a weekly basis through Skyward Message (weekly emails.) Our team will also continue to communicate with our parents in these monthly newsletters as well. We are in process of modifying our Facebook site and have a tentative goal of the end of October to unveil some new happenings on Facebook. In a nutshell, we want to keep you in the loop and part of our family!

Sincerely,

Andrew Wise

Principal

Elliott Elementary School

