



Elliott's Fin-tastic News

November/December 2019



"SHELLEBRATIONS"

Noah Jones, Margaret Terrill, Teagan Schram, Nora Bollinger, Rashar Glass, Dalorean Strickland, Laila Rankin, Ethan Murphy, Austin Medes, Elicia Islas, Tyler Wenzel, Mia Nicholson, Jocelyn Lawson, Claire Lawton, Zoey Rosales, Felicity Caine, Lucas LaFay, Trayton Moore, Macayla Fenn, Taleah Dorty, Israel Shropshire, Julianna Sowards, Daphne Elder, Nasia Nguyen, Hayven Jayne, Dalton Loomis, Joliannah Nichols, Elizabeth O'Brien, Miracle Marcos, Ethan Sevenski, Camden Bresler, Artlayja Hall, Byron Lake, Nolan Condie, Reese Norris, Devion Dillard, Jason Pineda-Burns, Logan Taggart, Calvin Mikho, Quentin Rusnak, Landon Thurston, Kole Friesen, Uhvant Blacksher, Jaylianna Dentmond, Macie Martin, Mason Arford, Wyatt Andrews, Jordan Toussaint, Madelyn Cousino, Katy Ahearn, Alexander Amunga, Ferris Dempsey, Arianna Ackley, Zander Embry, Tye Copeland, Makenzie Lindsey, Alania Henry, Carmine Diaz, Declan Schram, Maurice Verser, Bryson Todd, Chloe Price- Ducar, Rem Piper, Za'layha James-Bradley, Sam Faggion, Mayar Lesnar, Finn Ferrigan, Clayton Moreno, Edward Moore, Fairouz Abdelrahman, William Harden, Leo Carson, Niyla Vega, Isabelle Davison, Scarlett Yang, Aiden Blossy, Luachee Yang, Aadhya Dussa, Mia Alaniz, Arlo Kopietz, Brodyn Teets, Nathaniel Hebert, Dylan Langham

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Ny'Ricee Woods
Rem Piper
Tamyra Dorty
Jillian Reynolds-King
Danica Woldt
Bryce Shier
Ivy Nguyen
Elizabeth Arnold
Novalee Gemalsky
Ava Ward
Ashton Wenzel
Austin Tindle
Katie Sharp
Ariana Mujdanovic-Hanna
Rosallynn Spalding
Drew Lawton
Dylan Langham

EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAYS

1:50

January

8th
22nd
29th

Holiday Break

Dec 23rd - Jan. 3rd

No School/MLK

January 20th

"FIN-TASTIC WORK"

Adriana Holliday, Makaila Salas, Aleaha Rieder, Brody Cornelius, Eislely Myers, Cecelia Fairman, Daphne Elder, Mia Nicholson, Axel Rothoff, Katilyn O'Brien, Brooks Cornelius, Bryon Lake, Miracle Marcos, Wesley Elder, Crystal Mikho, Lyiera Thompson, Jordyn Fiser, Faye Giorio, Lyiera Thompson, Olivia Doss, Elliott Doss, Ellie Drake, Emma Willard, Cali Moore, Adalynn Norris, Bella Kring, Jayden Cooper, Mayar Al-Nassar, Tahlia Myers, Axel Rothoff, Josiah Zavala, Olivia Troub, Cameron Casner, Ferris Dempsey



Elliott's Walking School Bus program is done for the season. Watch for details to restart it in the Spring.

Everyday Walkers-be sure to keep turning in your cards!



P.T.O. MEETING

January 14th

@ 6:30 pm

IN THE LIBRARY

TK

Time sure seems to be flying by here in Transitional Kindergarten. The students are continuing to work on the routines of school, and we are practicing some of them when needed. In literacy, we are still working on our letters by naming them, practicing the sounds they make, and even a little bit of writing as well. We have gotten pretty good at writing our names and are continuing to work on these skills. In math, we still count often, and we have also began practicing writing our numbers 0-10. Team TK is small in numbers but each one of them have already come so far from where they started in August. We are excited for what the rest of this school year holds for us! :)

SECOND GRADE

It's almost Christmas! Second grade is super excited! Along with our normal curriculum, we'll be doing some fun holiday projects spread out over the next week. Also, we're hoping everyone enjoys winter break. Please make sure your second grader is **READING** over the two weeks off. Thank you!

In reading we've been discussing creativity. So far, we've discussed when others can help you with a creative project and creative ways to communicate. We've read stories about creative characters and learned how to write our opinion about those stories.

In math the time finally came to learn the adult way to do double digit addition! Your child should be able to efficiently add two-digit numbers together. After break we'll begin working on double digit subtraction.



KINDERGARTEN

It has been a busy month of learning in kindergarten. During comprehension lessons we are focusing on fantasy versus realism and we are exploring the setting and characters of a story. Our current focus in math is addition. We worked a lot on addition within 5 and we are now working on addition within 10. Our social studies focus is on problem solving, which we are starting to apply to our interactions with our friends on the playground. We are continuing our science learning on "Needs of Plants and Animals." Our current investigation question is "Do plants need light to live and grow?"



FIRST GRADE

First graders have been tackling a lot of new and challenging tasks this unit. We have continued our efforts towards reading grade level text fluently. We introduced the digraphs sh, th, ch, tch, and ph. Students are also now reading texts containing the long vowel sounds spelled a_e, e_e, i_e, o_e, and u_e. While reading, we continue to focus on reading for meaning while using different comprehension skill. Students should be bringing home new books each week in their Team Time Book Bags to practice fluency at home. In math we completed our chapter 4, focusing on many different strategies to subtract single-digit numbers. Some of these strategies include count back, doubles, doubles +/- 1, make a ten, and using related addition facts. We are now near the end of chapter 5 focusing on the relationship between addition and subtraction. These new strategies are allowing many students to add and subtract two single-digit numbers in their head! We have also been working hard on writing process, while adding additional details to our sentences.



THIRD GRADE

Our third-grade classes are working hard to collect food for the food bank! Each class has set a different collection goal. If we each class reaches their goal, we are going to celebrate with a special movie activity before winter break.

We have also been working hard on using strategies to divide. Some of the strategies we have been focusing on include using equal groups, repeated subtraction, a number line, arrays, and relating multiplication to division. Every student has developed his or her favorite strategy (or strategies) and is using them quite successfully! After studying division, we will move on to learning about fractions.

FOURTH GRADE

Things have been routine on our side of the building. Chapter 3 in Go Math is done, and we are well into chapter 4 division. Every year I hear parents say, "I don't get this new division." I find this funny because parents have been saying that for generations! Please, go to: www.mrmathblog.com and watch the videos for grade 4, chapter 4. The strategy is to teach many ways to divide and hope one makes sense to the student. By the time you read this we will have had our Halloween party and schoolwide parade. On November 11th we will officially welcome Mrs. Hoop to the 4th grade team. Dr. Hansens has done a great job taking over the classroom from day one. Her last day in that position will be around November 13th. Dr. H. will help make the transition to Mrs. Hoop a smooth one.

MUSIC/ARTS

There has been lots of beautiful music making here at Elliott in the Integrated Arts room! A big congratulations to the First and Second grade students on their recent concerts. Thank you to those friends and family who were able to attend and support our performers! Information about our upcoming performance opportunities for Kindergarten, Third, and Fourth Grade will be coming home soon!

Students have been active music makers here at Elliott! We spend our days singing, moving, and playing instruments together. Our younger students are focusing on using their singing voices and keeping a steady beat while playing. Older students are studying musical concepts such as tempo, dynamics, and notes in the Treble Clef. Soon, our Team Time students will begin playing the ukulele thanks to our generous Mini-Grant from the Holt Education Foundation!

In February, we will be transitioning to Visual Art Studies. To prepare, we are collecting supplies and recyclables for Integrated Arts. We are looking for "Chobani" Greek yogurt cups, great for our water cups and brushes, and colored bottle caps for upcoming projects. Our supply wish list includes black sharpie markers, wax-coated paper plates, Crayola markers and crayons, and baby wipes. If you can donate any of those items, please label them for "Art Room" and bring them to the office. Thank you for your support!



KINETICS

In Kinetics we have been focusing on bowling and on our overhand, underhand and disc throwing skills. Ask your child what a pendulum swing looks like, who the superhero is that helps us to remember how to hold the bowling ball correctly and how the ball should land like an airplane landing on the runway!

Next up after Winter Break is an all 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 Jan. 6th-Jan. 31st. Please make sure your child has socks during this unit! There should not be 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). Have a healthy and amazing holiday season!

PTO

We had our annual Snowball Dance on the 12th and fun was had by all! Events like this are not possible without your support, so thank you to the parents and staff who volunteered to make this event happen. Thank you to every student for making the beautiful snowflakes that decorated our halls! If you interested in finding out more ways to help Elliott and our students? Please join us for our next PTO meeting January 14th at 6:30 in the library.

DEAN'S REPORT

November and December have been busy months here at Elliott. We had our first yoga session with Miss Monica on November 18th, and we enjoyed another session on December 16th. It is so wonderful to have Miss Monica back helping us practice calming strategies and experiencing the benefits of yoga for our bodies and minds. Our Family Time in November was spent making snowflakes to decorate for our Snowball Activity Night and making Thankful ABC Lists. On December 18th, we combined Family Time with our PBIS Celebration. The students have filled our fish tank with CARES Shellebration Tickets, so we celebrated with a holiday sing a long and game with our school family groups.

I have recently completed an attendance report for the building. We currently have 100 students with 5 or more absences. While we know several students have been ill, and we don't want students coming to school sick, good attendance is critical for academic growth. You will be receiving notification from Mr. Wise if your student has 10 or more absences and notification from Mrs. Nimphie if your student has reached 7 absences. Your child's classroom teacher will notify you if your child has 5 absences. When we return to school in January, I will begin looking at percentage of school days missed. Parents will be notified when students have missed 10% of this school year. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the district's attendance policy.

I am wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!

Love, Mrs. Nimphie

Elliott Families,

We would like to thank you for your support with our Canned Food Drive. Your contribution will help many families over the holiday season.

As a team and a school, we are working hard to ensure that each child receives a complete education while attending Elliott Elementary. This means stimulation academically along with social-emotional learning as well. We will continue to explore partnerships with entities that can provide a benefit for our students in this regard. Many of our 3rd and 4th graders will begin working with a technological program that helps them regulate their emotions and guide them into positive decision making. Several other partnerships are in the works that I hope to reveal shortly to our families.

After Thanksgiving Break, we focused on fundamental expectations with our students; this is a strategy that we implement after all our breaks. After breaks, we will focus heavily on our Elliott C.A.R.E.S mantra (Cooperation... Achievement... Respect...Effort...Safety) and classroom & school expectations.

We are amid our Holiday Season, so I wanted to communicate several reminders to our families.

1. During our Holiday Break please note that keeping your children in a routine helps promote a healthy return to school after break is over.
2. Please keep your structure of reading 20 minutes per day. This correlates to 1.8 million words per year and will help our students become the articulate, strong, and confident children we aspire for them to be.
3. Sleep... getting enough rest is critical for the brain development within children. Our school nurse will be periodically sending communications regarding some of these details in upcoming newsletters.

I will continue to communicate with our parents on a weekly basis through Skyward Message (weekly emails.) Starting shortly, you can expect updates through Twitter as well. Our team will also continue to communicate with our parents in these monthly newsletters as well.

We wish everyone a healthy and happy month of December and a festive holiday season!

Sincerely,

Andrew Wise

Principal

Elliott Elementary School

Happy Holiday's
From the Staff
At Elliott