



Elliott's Fin-tastic News

January/February 2020



“SHELLEBRATIONS”

Cayden Petlak, Brooke Bockrath, Ariana Mujdanovic-Hanna, Emma Ankney, Grace Keeps-Sparks, Autumn Jones, Cora North, Austin Tindle, Bella Kring, Alaina Ryan-Meredith, Maya Romanekwiz, Lydia Jones, Mychal Walker, Lillyen Simon, Nathan Norris, Matziry Guzman-Huicochea, Jason Pineda-Burns, Mario Faggion, Ammar Tricic, Jaleah Purnell, RJ Montgomery, Nicholas Hilton, Taven Ortiz, Grace Nunn, Brody Cornelius, Lyiera Thompson, A'Myah Roper, Claire Lawton, Cathrine Wilson, Tahlia Myers, Samuel Mauger, Eliazbeth Kempf, Sathvik Gundam, Emaline Barnes, Tuana Osmani, Layla Womack, Olivia Doss, Paige Park-May, Raymond Rowe, Ana'Lexia Medwayosh, Bryceton Timmer, Johnathan McNair, James Ewen, Azeyla Smith, Janayah Ruiz, Kailyn Abrigo, Katelyn Cousino, Ryan Cypher, Andrew Emanuel-Tchounke, Cambria Boggus, Avery Baugh, Ariana Mujdanovic-Hanna, Jordyn Fiser, Layla Caverly, Medina Shabani, Gianna Tyler, Emma Willard, Adalynn Norris, Norah Anderson, Duane Jasper, Nate Lawton, Jaren Stepp, Paloma Mendez, Jaelynn Furgala, Camryn Curry, Christopher Green, Gage Preston, Brooke Bockrath, Maryanna Lukic, Caiden Leslie, Lyric Fell, Yousif Al Dulaimi, Ellie Drake, Ziad Abdelrahman, Avalynn Palmer, Evan Sofian, Olivia Dennon, Alexander Vincent-Hopkins, Tyonna Vickers

JANUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Dalorean Strickland
 Claire Lawton
 Jordan Toussaint
 Lillian Terrill
 Madeline Selmeyer
 Sara Shabani
 Moriah Slavik
 Julianna Sowards
 Za'layah James-Bradley
 Brooks Cornelius
 Aida Kosloski
 Shania Shamsiddeen
 Jayvion Shamsiddeen
 Edmond Krzyminski
 Camden Bresler
 Jenni Vo
 Rosalie Giorio

FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Arlo Kopietz
 Linor Alshiqi
 William Harden
 Emma Lownsbery
 Brody Cornelius
 Adeline Erzen
 Duane Jasper
 Jaelynn Furgala
 Julio Cuellar
 Tyler Wenzel
 Lilliana Embry
 Scarlett Yang
 Sabrina Bhandari
 Clayton Moreno
 Jaylianna Dentmond
 Aspyn Lindemier
 Elianah Slavik

Edru Skate Night
 Feb 25th

Elliott Showcase Night
 Feb 27th

EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAYS
Feb
 26th
March
 11th
 18th
 25th

Parent Teacher Conferences
 March 4-5

Half Day 12:30 Dismissal
 March 5-6

SPRING PICTURES
 March 9th

“FIN-TASTIC WORK”

Emma Ankney, Lilliana Embrey, Vanesa Morina, Zayden Le, Israel Shropshire, Mark Hoogendyk, Lyric Fell, Kreedence Jayne, Claire Lawton, Cali Moore, Quentin Rusnak, Danica Woldt, Lyiera Thompson, Miracle Marcos, Cody Bryant, Henry Ketchum, Za'layah James-Bradley, Trent Davies, Ethan Murphy, Ashton Wenzel, Luachee Yang, Emaline Barnes, Byron Lake, Layla Womack, Henry Thomason, Carter Alviar-Carr, Landyn Hawley, Sebastian Passariello, Blake Slaughter, Sabrina Bhandari, Claire Howard, Blake Jackson, Mila Abbott, NyTreece Woods



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
March 10th
@ 6:30 pm
IN THE LIBRARY

TK

Last month we learned more about what a community is and what makes our community special. We are continuing to build our letter and letter sound knowledge each day and have practiced with every letter now, in one way or another. We just finished our unit on farms and explored lots of different aspects of farms. We looked at some of the animals we could find on a farm as well as what crops farms grow. And how that food gets from the farm to our homes. This week, we started our "Jungle" Unit and have looked at what a jungle is and what plants and animals can be found in a jungle. Lots of great things are happening here!

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 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 students have been working on addition, subtraction and teen numbers. As a grade level, students are continuing to focus on feelings with emotions charts and expressing our feelings through words and problem solving.

FIRST GRADE

First graders have been working hard on composing two-digit numbers using tens and ones. They are working on comparing these numbers using the symbols $<$, $>$, or $=$. They are even working on adding and subtracting two-digit numbers! In writing students are working hard on three different types of writing: informational, narrative, and opinion. The stories they are creating are wonderful! In Health students are focusing on personal health and wellness: covering their sneezes, handwashing, and oral hygiene. We are finishing up Unit 3 of Reading Street this week where students learned new phonics skills including Bossy R, inflected endings, compound words, and comparative adjectives.

SECOND GRADE

Second grade is waiting for a snow day! Where's the Yeti???

We have been working through our Reading Street unit on changes. We've been discussing coping with difficult changes, as well as how plants change over time. We've read a few stories to go along with these topics. For example, we read all about the Life Cycle of a Pumpkin. Mrs. Buege's class and Mrs. Getter's class (Mrs. Eulitz's class is next) have also worked on growing plants ourselves!

In math, we finished up our chapters on two-digit addition and subtraction. We're going to be moving into three-digit soon, but before that we decided to take a break and work on counting money and telling time. If you're wondering about our math program, and what we have, to support your child, please join us for Elliott's showcase night after break, Feb. 27th!

THIRD GRADE

Throughout the past month, we have finished up our math chapters on division and multiplication. Now students are busy learning strategies to round numbers to the nearest ten and hundred as well as several more strategies to make numbers easier to add and subtract.

In reading, our comprehension focus has been on finding similarities and differences in two texts by the same author. We have read many texts the past few weeks to help them with this. Students have been writing about this as well.

During our "First Look" in the morning's students are getting the chance to lead the grade level in the observations they see about their surroundings outside. We are continuing to enforce leadership within the school and on the playground as our students have the responsibility to influence each other positively.

FOURTH GRADE

We have been knee deep in fractions for the last 3 chapters! Reading Street is smoothing out as we are new to this year tests. We just started unit 4 and will go back to weekly tests for a while. You should see more data from your teacher. After winter break, we spent time doing our "screener" assessments to check progress from the fall. You will hear more on that at conferences next month. In writing we will be working on our research project. Students will be researching Michigan Invasive species. We will do the work here but then a poster will be created at home. You should get more information from your teacher as we move forward.

MUSIC/ARTS

Art has officially started! Students are busy creating masterpieces, and this month we will focus on the use of line, shape, and color in Art. We are always in need of supplies, so if you are willing to help, here is a list of needs: Crayola Markers, Crayola 24-count colored pencils, Crayola 16-pc. Watercolor Trays, pipe cleaners, Baby Wipes (for cleanup), and construction paper. If you can donate, please label the supplies as "Art Room" and drop them in the front office. In addition, we are collecting some recyclable items, including colored plastic bottle caps and clean "Chobani" Greek yogurt cups.

This semester, our school is participating in a unique fundraising program with Art to Remember that gives you the opportunity to purchase keepsake items with your child's artwork on them. The best part is that every keepsake order supports our school! We are excited to offer this fundraiser again, as last years was so successful! Our students will be working on their projects for this fundraiser very soon- I can't wait to see the beautiful pieces they create! Order forms for Art to Remember will be sent home with students in mid-March and are due back by before spring break. To see available keepsake items like coffee mugs, key chains, and necklaces, visit ArtToRemember.com

KINETICS

In Kinetics, we finished up our gymnastics unit, learning a lot and having a great time. Ask your child to show you some of the animal movements that they have been learning (like the seal, alligator or crab walk) and talk with them about the balance beam, rope climber or other things they've tried.

Our next big unit, Kids Heart Challenge (formerly Jump Rope for Heart), we will have already started by the time this newsletter reaches you. KHC is an opportunity to raise funds to help kids with special hearts as well as learning jump roping skills and heart healthy choices, such as 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 done amazingly every year since I brought it here in 2013. In previous years, we've raised more than \$9,600!!

https://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=4818&pg=company&company_id=232515



DEAN'S REPORT

We are continuing our Social Emotional Learning focuses each week. In February, we have discussed listening, communication, the pause button (stop and think), and think before you act. We enjoyed our January and February yoga sessions with Miss Monica as well. I am beginning to make my way around to each classroom teaching personal safety lessons using our Michigan Model for Health curriculum.

The week of February 17 is Random Act of Kindness Week. We will be on break, so encourage your students to do something kind for someone while they are away from school. We will have a special kindness themed photo op for students and families at our Showcase Night on February 27th. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Conferences are coming up the first week of March. I will be attending many conferences and will be available if you have any questions or concerns.

"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard but must be felt with the heart."

~Helen Keller

Take care,

Mrs. Nimphie

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Elliott Families,

As we are encroaching on mid-winter break and the second half of February, I'd like to share a few thoughts with our families.

1. Make it a point to spend time together away from technology. My wife and I are pushing this hard in our house as well to hopefully share more meaningful conversations and moments with each other. This philosophy takes effort, but the rewards will be worth it.
2. It's easy to get sucked into the "indoor doldrums" of winter. We have seen an increase in behavior related issues over the last 3-4 weeks here at school (Just as I have in my previous four schools I have worked at in Feb/March). Attempt to take walks on nice days or simply play outside in the snow. It's a healthy way to enjoy the winter and a positive way to spend time together as a family.
3. During our break please note that keeping your children in a routine helps promote a positive return to school after break is over. Spending 20 minutes per day reading should be the goal for our students over break just as it is during the year.

Sincerely,

Andrew Wise

Principal

Elliott Elementary School

