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Be sure to check out in this issue:

- ✓ Take Flight Fridays
- ✓ Parent/Teacher Conference
- ✓ October Break
- ✓ Lost & Found

A Message From Principal Stimatze's Desk



Ellsworth Family and Friends,

As we embrace another school year, I want to welcome all students to Ellsworth Elementary. I hope you enjoyed your summer and are ready for an exciting year of learning and growing.

As the Principal of Ellsworth, I have the privilege to lead a wonderful and dedicated staff as we provide the very best education for your students. Together with parents and community members, we work hard to strengthen Ellsworth's reputation to engage, equip, and empower the students. We must work as a TEAM to guide students towards success and this is accomplished through active communication and working with your child in the home setting. Student achievement, character development and parent involvement continue to be a focus at Ellsworth.

Please check our Ellsworth Elementary website for updates and events happening at school. Also, don't forget to follow us on social media. I look forward to an exciting and productive year at Ellsworth.

Every Student/Every Opportunity/Every Day

Sincerely,

Tammy Stimatze, Principal



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Ellsworth Elementary Hours

Office Hours: 7:30am to 4:00pm

Campus opens for students: 7:45am

WARNING BELL at 8:10 / TARDY at 8:15

Class Hours: (Mon/Tue/Thurs/Fri) 8:15am - 3:05pm

Early Release EVERY Wednesday Hours: 8:15am - 1:35pm

Half Day Hours: 11:45am LUNCH served

CHARACTER COUNTS!

This month we focus on:

Responsibility

Student Spotlight

Congratulations to all the
Students chosen for the awards
assembly

Calendar

- Progress Reports/Jupiter Grades 9/2
- Take Flight Friday 9/2
- Aug/Sept Awards Assembly 9/2
- Little Caesar's Fund-raiser 9/7
- Labor Day - No School 9/5
- Granola with Grandparents 9/9
- Patriot Day 9/11
- Parent/Teacher Conferences 9/15-9/16
- APEX Pep Rally 9/20
- PTO Meeting 9/20
- Fall Pictures 9/28
- Bus Evacuations 9/29
- APEX Fun Run 9/29
- End of Quarter 10/7
- October Break 10/10-10/17
- Character Counts Week 10/18-10/21
- Character Counts Assembly 10/18
- Teach & Treat 10/27
- Take Flight Friday 10/28
- October Awards Assembly 10/28

Happenings in the classroom.....

Kindergarten



Kindergarten at Ellsworth is off to a great start! We are learning routines, procedures and rules in our classrooms. We are making new friends and have began our Citizenship Unit. In this Unit we are learning how to be a good citizen in our community and school. We are learning the Pledge of Allegiance and the Character Pledge . We are also talking about germs and how to stay healthy. The students are participating in a "glitter germs" science experiment to see how germs are spread and practice the best way to wash our hands. In ELA we are learning letters: t, b, f, m, and n. We are practicing how to hold our pencil and use scissors. We are also learning about how to draw a character and setting. In math, we are practicing how to make numbers 1-5 with pictures, counters, and drawings. Overall, we are having a fantastic start to the year! Looking forward to a wonderful September!

FIRST GRADE

- A big SHOUT OUT to the families that joined us for curriculum night on August 16th. A presentation was sent home to all families that could not attend. If any questions come up please don't hesitate to contact us!
- First has done a wonderful job learning their classroom procedures. If you'd like to check in to see how they are doing please log into class dojo, or see the homework folder for your child's behavior log.
- We have been reading stories about being a good friend and students are reviewing letter formation in Foundations. Math has been all about partners (2 addends) up to 10. Keep up the math facts practice at home!
- Homework consists of a Book-In-A-Bag, a math page, and Foundations dictation page. Please be sure your child is reading for 15 minutes every night!
- Please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns.
- Thank you!!



SECOND GRADE



- Thank you for all of the donations of school supplies.
- Thank you for those who attended our Open House.
- We have been working hard learning our classroom rules and procedures.
- We are adding 3 and 4 single digit numbers and we will begin working on word problems in the next few weeks.
- We are learning about closed syllables and glued sounds in FUNdations.
- Homework is a math page, FUNdations page, and 25 minutes of reading each night.
- Don't forget to check Class Dojo and Jupiter Grades for updates on how your student is doing in class.
- Thank you for your continued support from home.!



- What a fabulous start to the school year in third grade! Now that our procedures and policies are in place, our students are ready for a successful academic year.
 - Math: We have mastered expressing multiplication equations through equal share drawings and arrays. This has helped students transition into practicing division using unknown factors. Now that we have 5s and 2s countby's memorized, we will continue practicing our new multiplication and division skills with 10s and 4s.
 - ELA: Character traits are our main focus, and students are making real-life connections to Beverly Cleary's spunky Ramona Quimby. Students are analyzing by examining character's feelings, actions, thoughts, and sayings, which leads to a deeper understanding and connection to literature.
 - Social Studies: Third grade is so excited to dive into our study on citizenship, where we discuss what makes a strong member of our community. We will also research basic social issues.
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FOURTH GRADE

- Thank you to the families that attended our Open House. It was great seeing all of the friendly faces!
- The 4th graders have been working hard learning the policies and procedures we have in place this school year.
- Being departmentalized has been a change for the kiddos but we have to say it has already had its benefits!
- The students are doing well at remembering their materials to and from rotations and are doing great at knowing which rotation they go to during the day.
- Make sure to check your students Class Dojo and Jupiter Grades for updated information regarding how they are performing in their classes.
- Thank you for your continued support from home!



A cartoon illustration of a young girl with red hair in pigtails, wearing a green dress with a yellow bow and blue shoes. She is sitting on a tall stack of colorful books and reading an open book. The books have various colored spines (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple).

Ms. Thames wants to give a shout out to the P.T.O. for paying for the Flocabulary program that she uses in her classroom to help students learn about all subjects through fun rap learning videos. The kids love them.

Lastly, please remember that no students are allowed on campus until 7:45, unless they are in the Combs Kids program. We are seeing a lot of students being dropped off or riding their bikes or scooters here too early. They are not supervised in front of the school. This is for their safety. Thank you for your help with this, and please contact the office if you would like more information about the Combs Kids program.

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In Math, students have been working on long division as well as multiplying and dividing decimals. We have started examining equivalent fractions and decimals and will begin multiplying and dividing fractions, decimals, and mixed numbers. The students finished up their math tiles, where they depict how they see math in the real world context.

Ms. Cramer would like to invite you to check out her classroom blog at 6thgradeescapades.blogspot.com.

As always, the sixth grade team appreciates your support!

Happenings in "SPECIALS" areas.....

The Band is off and running! Each band student has 2 band classes per week, a small class on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, and then Full Band on Friday! This is a great way to develop their ability to play in a group!

All Beginning students should have the "Measures of Success" book when they come to class. We appreciate your patience with the difficulty of locating the book!



Band

Orchestra



Our **Beginning Orchestra Students** are busy expanding their musical vocabulary, and bowing techniques with Wooden Dowels. Soon We will be transferring this information to our real bows and finally playing our instruments. Our **Advanced Orchestra Students** are learning new notes: F natural and C natural as we get ready to perform, "America The Beautiful" in honor of upcoming Veterans Day.



The Music Room is a fun place to be as we sing, dance, and engage in musical activities daily!

We are currently focusing on being a better singer as we sing our scales, melodies, and songs.

We are also working on rhythms as we play rhythm games and dance with a steady beat!

Physical Education P.E.



Make sure your child has shoes to wear for PE class, otherwise they won't be able to participate.

This month we'll be getting to know each other through ice breakers and cooperative games.





Technology

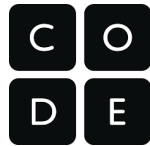
Students will continue to use GAFE (Google Apps For Education) this year.

We look forward to learning more about Coding. And we will use Google SketchUp which will allow us to do 3-D drawings.

Students can now log into their Google accounts at home and work on assignments.

REMINDER: You need to be practicing your keyboarding skills at home.

<https://www.typing.com/>



I am your School Counselor Elfida Telles and would like to welcome you to the 2016-17 school year. I look forward to meeting all of you and working with you to have a successful school year. Go Eagles!

First off, Ellsworth Elementary wants the entire community to know that we take student safety, specifically bullying, seriously. Any parents, students or members of the community are encouraged to inform our school if they witness or hear of any incidents of bullying. The best learning environment is a safe learning environment and it takes everyone working together to keep it so.

As your counselor, part my job is to make sure that all students and parents are making full use of the resources available to them here in the Ellsworth Community. If you feel your child is in need of my services please call or stop by and we can discuss what may be available to you and your family.

-Elfida Telles

Young Coyotes

Young Coyotes daycare services children ages 3-5 years old and combines play and learning in a child centered environment where exploration is encouraged. Children are provided opportunities to grow socially, emotionally, and academically through hands on activities involving music, art, and dramatic play. Young Coyotes is taught by a veteran preschool teacher with 20 years experience in early childhood. We now have 2 schools that will have our Young Coyotes program, Ranch Elementary and Ellsworth Elementary. Young Coyotes is licensed by Department of Health Services and approved by the Department of Economic Security. Children must be potty trained and current on shots. Parents must provide a sack breakfast and/or lunch.

Hours of Operation: Monday- Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. not including school holidays.

Pricing: Parents have a choice of either full or part day options.

Half day \$20 per day or \$75 per week

Full day \$40 per day or \$150 per week

Library



Book Fair Information

The book fair will be starting on Wednesday, September 14th thru Tuesday, September 20th.

Book Fair Hours:

7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. closing for lunch 1:00-1:30 p.m.

Late Day September 15th, 7:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., closed for lunch 1:00-1:30 p.m.

We are in need of parent volunteers!!!!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lora Rael at 480-882-3520

Take Flight Fridays

We had our 1st "Take Flight Friday - Olympics" on September 2nd

It was a huge success with our students. Students were all working together and making new friends in all grade levels. We will continue this on the last Friday of the month in October, November, January, February, and March.

The activities will be STEM based forced on mathematics and engineering this time. The students are learning about Olympic sports and what it takes to be a great athlete. They will participate in Olympic events and use logically thinking to see how they can improve their "shot" or "jump". they will also graph their data, write and reflect on their favorite Olympic sport.

K-2 grade = Will work on inventing their own sports

3-4 grade= Olympic Events

5-6 grade= Classroom Olympics



News From Ellsworth Cafeteria

Remember all families need a **NEW** Free/Reduced lunch application submitted each year. Please make sure you have one submitted for the school year 2016/2017 by the end of August. Fill it out on line at jocombs.org under Departments/Food service.



CHECK OUT THE MENU



Please Note the Price has Changed for Lunch this year

Breakfast is \$1.25

Lunch is \$2.65

Reduced breakfast and lunch continues to be
\$.30 and \$.40

LOST & FOUND



Each year students misplace their backpacks, lunch pails, coats, hats, and even their glasses.

When these items are found they are placed in the 2 large cans inside the breeze way. Eye glasses will be turned into the front office.

Please remind your child to check for their belongings.

Twice a year these items will be laid out on tables for students and parents to look through. Please take the time to check for any of your child's things.

Ellsworth Elementary will donate all unclaimed items at the end of the year to local charities that can place these items in the hands of those who need them.



Resource

Title 1 Reading

Organizational Tips for a Successful School Year

-If you child struggles with keeping his/her papers organized an 8 pocket colored folder labeled with each subject area is very helpful. (i.e. Math, Papers to return to school, papers to keep home, HW etc.)

-Utilize the student planner to plan his/her week, keep track of assignment due dates as well as planning study time for assessments.

For more helpful tips on organization check out ADDitude Magazine online (www.additudemag.com) .

Mrs. Telfer- K-4 Resource Room Teacher

Mrs. Harris-5-6 Resource Room Teacher

Mrs. Kleinknecht-Speech Pathologist

Welcome back! I am Lhea Carbajal, the new Title I Reading Specialist this year. It has been a joy learning my new position. We have begun working with students to better our reading skills. The students have been showing their skills and knowledge about reading. We are still working on procedures and getting to know each other. I look forward to an excellent year full of learning.

Mrs. Carbajal

ELL

We're off to a great start this year! It's been wonderful seeing our returning students and meeting our new friends.

We've hit the ground running with AZELLA skills/standards. We look forward to a Fall filled with learning!

Es un gran inicio a este año escolar! Ha sido maravilloso ver a nuestros estudiantes que regresan y a nuestros nuevos amigos . Empezamos el año con habilidades/estándares de AZELLA .

Esperamos un otoño lleno de aprendizaje!

Mrs. Bencomo

Mrs. Roy

ACADEMIC COACHES CORNER

My name is Ayn Kelly-Harris. I am the new Academic Reading Coach. This is my first year at Ellsworth and in JO Combs School District, but have been an educator for 23 years. It has been a busy and exciting transition as the school year has gotten underway.

I am Christine Murphy, the Academic Math Coach here at Ellsworth. This is my 4th year here and I'm excited to work with the teachers on campus.

In the future, we will share ideas, resources and activities that will support your child's academic growth at home.