

Homecoming Week

The week of February 12-16 is homecoming week for EHS. On Monday night, the 12th, at 7 pm we will have coronation. 7-12th grade will compete in Family Feud, and we will have dance performances from the Kdg-6th graders. It will also be a night to highlight our senior class of 5: Zach Buntjer, Devin Dreesen, Mady Domeyer, McKenna Hinrichs, and Kristi Kooiker.

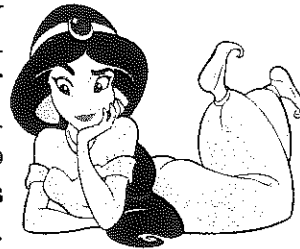
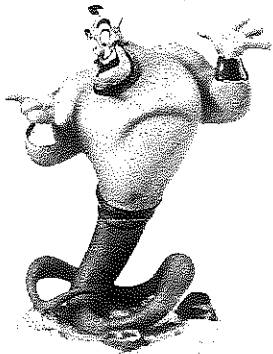
The rest of the week will consist of dress up days (listed below) and other activities, such as volleyball games and a dance for the high school. Please remember for dress-up days that the outfits still need to be school appropriate. Student Council hopes to see all of you there showing your Panther Pride!

Spring Musical

The Spring Musical, Disney's *Aladdin Jr.*, will be performed by EHS drama on March 16. There will be a supper served beforehand starting at 5:30 with the play starting at 7. If you would like to eat at the supper, please purchase tickets beforehand through the school office. These tickets will be \$10 each and include the supper and admission for the play. These tickets will be on sale from February 12th-March 12th.

If you do not plan on going to the supper, you can always purchase tickets at the door for just the play. There will also be concessions that night as well.

The kids have just started working on the musical and are doing a great job. The choir is even helping by singing all the chorus songs throughout the performance. Each student involved in the play was given a practice calendar so they know when they need to come for practices. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jarvie or Mrs. Kramer.

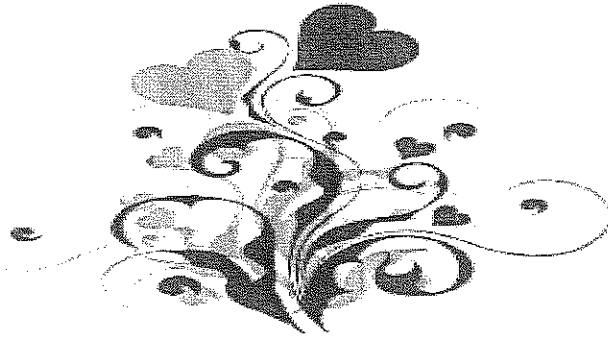


Government

In Government this year we are learning about the different interactions of government and all of the behind the scenes workings within it. The students have learned what it takes to run for president and what the Legislative Branch of government looks like. As we dive deeper into the different branches we learn how each branch has an impact on the students' lives.

As we progress through the year the students will learn more from the federal government down to the state and local. This will allow them to see what is going on within their community and to help make changes that they want to see. They will even be invited to attend a local school board meeting during the spring for a chance to see their school government at work. There is so much more to come this semester.

Mitch Beekman



FEBRUARY 2018
BREAKFAST MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Glazed Donuts Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	2 Cereal Toast/ w Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
5 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	6 Waffle Sticks W/ Syrup Sausage Link Fruit Juice Milk	7 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	8 Banana Bread Square Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	9 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
12 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	13 French Toast Stick W/ Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	14 Ham-Egg-Cheese on a Biscuit Fruit Juice Milk	15 Coffee Cake Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	16 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
19 No School Presidents Day	20 Pancakes w/ Syrup Sausage Link Fruit Juice Milk	21 Egg Bake Fruit Juice Milk	22 Mini Donuts Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	23 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
26 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	27 Pancake on a Stick w/ Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	28 Omelet Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER	ALL BREADS AND PASTA ARE WHOLE GRAIN RICH

Boys Basketball

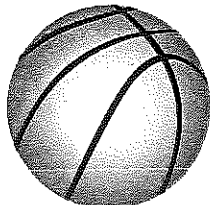
4th Grade News

The boys' basketball team is midway through the 2017-2018 season. We have good numbers in a couple of grades and were able to field 3 teams for our high school schedule. Those making the varsity roster at this point are Zach Buntjer, the only senior; juniors Kade Boltjes, Sean Boltjes, Carter Boyenga, Brandon Kramer, Sam Kramer and Noah Kruse; sophomores Grant Jansma, Tanges Kruse and Rondae Nave; and Freshmen Linkin Bossert and Anthony Lenz.

The B team includes of Sophomores Tanges Kruse and Rondae Nave, Freshmen Linkin Bossert, Simon Boyenga, Blake Koffron, Elijah Kruse, Anthony Lenz, Micah Onken and Dalton Popkes, and 8th graders Cole Boltjes and Peyton Lewis. The C team consists of the 8th and 9th graders combined.

The Panthers picked up their first win against Edgerton on December 18th and are continuing to look to improve this season. The boys have been battling through adversity so far this season and continue to step into challenging new roles. The panthers have several home games left this year including Thursday, February 1st vs. Southwest Minnesota Christian (basket raffle), Monday, February 5th vs. Adrian, Friday, February 9th vs. Red Rock Central, Friday, February 16th vs. Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, Monday, February 19th in a girl-boy double header vs. Murray County Central and Friday, February 23rd vs. Heron Lake-Okabena. We would like to thank you for your continued support of our program!

Coach McDowell



Greetings to all!

As crazy as it seems, we are already well into January! The year is truly flying by in the 4th grade classroom. This is my third year of teaching 4th grade here at Ellsworth. I have really enjoyed my time here getting to know the students and the different members of the community.

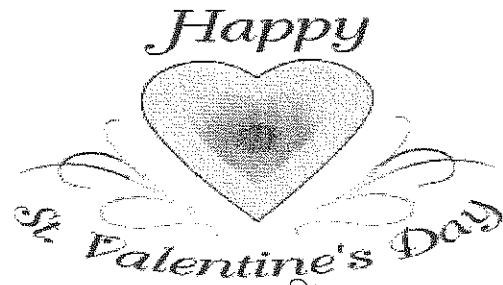
In the 4th grade class we have a total of 7 students. So far I have noticed that all of my students have a very close relationship with one another. In a small class like this it is very easy for students to form close bonds with each other. They do a great job of getting along with each other and they have really positive attitudes around each other.

We have covered a lot of ground in 4th grade in a wide range of subject areas, including math, social studies/science, reading, writing, and language arts. In math we are currently going over long division! We are learning the steps to take when dividing 2 and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. This year we are trying something new with social studies and science. I am teaching just social studies to the 3rd and 4th graders, and Mrs. Walters is teaching just science to the 3rd and 4th graders. Currently in social studies we are learning about the Great Lakes states of the United States, including Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.

In reading we have a different reading selection each week and at the end of the week we take a comprehension test which shows me what they know from the story. The current story that we are on is called The Great Kapok Tree, which is a story about a man who is convinced by the animals of the rain forest to not chop down a tree because that tree is useful to the wildlife of the forest. In writing we are about ready to start a writing project that will involve writing an informative essay on a topic of their choosing. Lastly, in language arts, we are focusing on verbs.

I am proud of our progress so far and I hope to continue to see positive growth in each student as the year moves along. If we continue to maintain focus and have a positive attitude, I am confident that the class as a whole can accomplish whatever goals they set for themselves. I wish everyone the best in this upcoming year, and go Panthers!

Mr. Ethan Van Briesen, 4th Grade Teacher



FEBRUARY 2018
LUNCH MENU

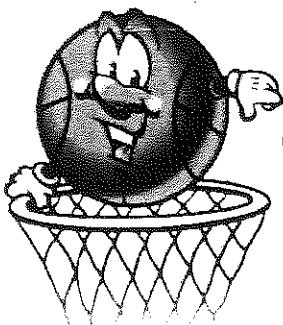
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
RELISHES OR SALAD BAR OFFERED DAILY			1 Chicken Alfredo Garlic Breadstick Dk Green Lettuce Fruit Milk	2 Super Nachos Green Beans Bread Fruit Milk
5 Scalloped Potatoes and Ham Peas Bread Fruit Milk	6 Hot dog on a Bun Sweet Potato Puffs Fruit Milk	7 Mr Rib on a bun Baked Beans Fruit Milk	8 Shrimp Poppers Cheese Stick Dinner Roll Corn Fruit Milk	9 Chicken Fajita Romaine Lettuce Fruit Milk
12 Ham and Cheese on Bun Cream Corn Fruit Milk	13 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Dinner Roll Fruit Milk	14 Taco Haystacks Bread Fruit Milk	15 Pizza Corn Fruit Milk	16 Hot Pork on a Bun Green Beans Fruit Milk Early Dismiss
19 NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS DAY	20 Chicken Fried Steak Peas Bread Fruit Milk	21 Grilled Chicken Patty on a Bun Romaine Lettuce Fruit Milk	22 Corn Dogs Chips w/ Salsa Baked Beans Fruit Milk	23 Italian Bread w/ Sauce Corn Fruit Milk
26 Hamburger on a Bun Baked Beans Fruit Milk	27 Baked Potato w/ Meat Topping Bread Fruit Milk	28 Chicken Noodle Soup Cinnamon Roll Crackers w/ Cheese Fruit Milk	THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER	ALL BREADS AND PASTA ARE WHOLE GRAIN RICH

Homecoming Week Activities

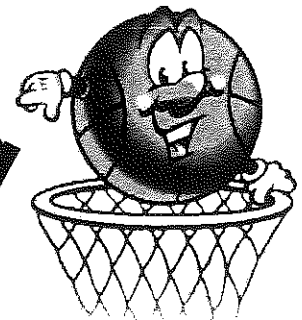
February 12-16

Dress Up Days:

1. Monday (12th)- **Fake Injury Day**
-Coronation Night at 7 pm
2. Tuesday (13th)-Severe Weather Day
*dress like you went through a storm, tornado, or blizzard
-Girls home game vs WWG
3. Wednesday (14th)-**Salad Dressing Day**
*-Staff-Salad (green)
-Seniors/K-Ranch Dressing (cowboy)
-Juniors/1st-Caesar Dressing (Greek togas, leaf headband)
-Sophomores/2nd-Thousand Island (towel, shorts, flip flops)
-Freshmen/3rd-French Dressing (fancy clothes, mustaches, berets)
-8th/4th-red-Honey Mustard (yellow, bees)
-7th/5th-pink-Blue Cheese Dressing (blue, cheese)
-6th/PreK-House Dressing (Panther Gear)
4. Thursday (15th)-**Class Color Day**
*-Staff-purple -Freshmen/3rd-White
-Seniors/K-black -8th/4th-red
-Juniors/1st-gray -7th/5th-pink
-Sophomores/2nd-blue -6th/PreK-yellow
-High School Volleyball Competition from 1:30-3 pm
5. Friday (16th)-**Maroon and Gold Day**
-Pep fest at 8:15 for the whole school
-**Boys Home Game vs. TMB**
-High School Dance at EHS after the game (goes until midnight)
*\$2 to attend if from EHS
*If you have a friend attending who is not from EHS, please see
Mrs. Kramer or Mr. Beekman before February 2nd



2018 Homecoming



Guidance Notes

In September, David Vikander, Director of Financial Aid at SMSU presented a financial aid informational meeting for seniors and their parents, covering the FAFSA and how to complete it.

In October, the junior class had the opportunity to attend Junior Career Day at Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon. Students were able to attend three career field presentations and a college fair.

Seniors & Parents: Please let me know if you need any further information as your child finalizes their post-secondary plans.

Juniors & Parents: The ACT will be offered to all juniors on April 4th. More information will be in the March newsletter. Also, it is very important to begin exploring career fields and making visits to post-secondary options, such as vocational schools or colleges.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me at school with any questions you may have. Mrs. Groth

The EHS Art Room Continues to be a Busy Place!

My second year at EHS has been inspiring. The visual arts program is developing well & I am very proud of the students. They motivate me as an educator. I had the opportunity to meet with other visual arts teachers from surrounding districts from our SWWC Service Coop a couple weeks ago. It was very informative and helpful learning how other schools the size of Ellsworth are engaging their art students. We are on the right track and hope to continue growth in this area. The future is bright for Ellsworth arts!

What's new here? Well, first of all I want to thank the tax payers, the school board and Mr. Willey for providing us with some awesome tables and stools this year!!! They are a blessing. I am always thankful for the supplies and materials we are afforded here in the art room. The students appreciate it too! We are excited to have Prismacolor pencils and Prismacolor markers to be using 2nd semester. These are state-of-the-art supplies that professional illustrators are using and give our students a perspective of tools that are used in the industry. We also had our first edition of ENEWS (a school news broadcast) produced at

the end of December and hope to continue this project with a few more editions this year. The students led the way with this production and it was a success. It's my goal to get it uploaded to the website so the community can view it.

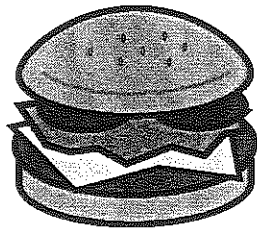
Fall Semester 2017 kept us full of activity with (2) Art I classes, Independent Art Students, and a very artistic 8th grade class – I miss them already. We were able to accomplish a variety of art projects this semester. Not only art skills are developed in art class. We also focus on developing well-rounded, critical thinking skills and problem solving abilities. Projects included graffiti art, drawing, selfie's, painting, mask making, string art, candy portrait, pallet projects, linoblock printing, murals, personal voice projects, and basic art skills and elements. These projects will be on display once again in the lobby of Exchange State Bank in Ellsworth in February/March (Youth Art Month) and also at the Spring Fair in May. Check them out! I was also fortunate to share the art room with K-4th graders this past semester. Elementary Art is amazing! We only visited a few times but I loved having them and hope to continue seeing them this semester.

Spring semester 2018 visual arts consist of an Art II class, an Art I class & the 7th graders will have their turn in the art room. My goals for this semester are once again UNLIMITED! I'm hoping to work with sculpture, color development, perspective, paper sculpting, Native art inspirations, nature inspirations, master artists & much more. Once again we are looking forward to participating in the Region 3A Art Show at BOLD in April. This semester also brings the continuing challenge of website development for the art program. I am working on this and hope to upload art projects from the students on my school website.

Thank you for your support of the arts at Ellsworth! You make a difference to us!

Jen Huisman
Ellsworth MS/HS Visual Arts Teacher
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BUILD YOUR



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BURGER

Monday, February 19, 2018

Serving in the cafeteria

5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Ellsworth vs. Murray County Central Ball Game

SERVING

Hamburgers with all the fixings

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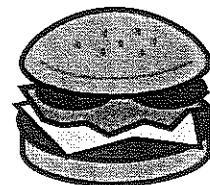
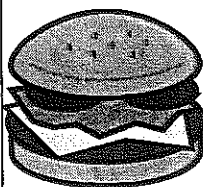
\$6.00 per meal

\$3.00 Extra Hamburger

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Sophomore Class



Girls Basketball

This year there are 17 girls on the Ellsworth basketball team. Devin Dreesen and Madyson Domeyer are the two seniors.

Sierra Smith and Lizzie Chapa are the two juniors. Kallie Chapa, Morgan Dreesen, Ashlyn Meester, and Hope Shade are the sophomores. Erin Miller is the only freshman. Brooke Custer and Kassidy Nussbaum are the two 8th graders. The three 7th graders are Paige Bixby, Matilyn Mulder, and Claire Popkes. The three 6th graders are Brynn Boyenga, Katie Buntjer, and Sierra Custer.

The basketball team has a current record of 4 wins and 12 losses. The girls started off the year winning three of the first five games. Unfortunately, injuries and sickness have sidelined players throughout the season. Nevertheless the girls have continued to play with a lot of energy and effort. With seven games left in the season the team is looking to continue to improve so we will be playing good basketball during the playoffs. The girls appreciate everyone's support and look forward to seeing those who come to the games.

Coach Palm

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 12-16 Homecoming Week

Feb 16 Early Dismissal

Feb 19 NO SCHOOL

**Feb 27 Parent-teacher Conference
4:00-8:00**

**Check the Feb. calendar
for more activities**

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool has been off to a great start this year! We have a 4/5 year old class consisting of 6 boys and 5 girls and a 3/4 year old class consisting of 4 boys and 4 girls!! We are very busy in preschool learning to write our names, recognizing letters and sounds, practicing our counting and number recognition, along with lots of hands on activities!

Our 4/5 year old class recently got new curriculum this year which goes along with the rest of the elementary curriculum! This has been really fun for the kids and we stay very busy with it! Our themes so far have been Get ready for school, Community workers, and On the farm! They have enjoyed learning about the different community workers in the town of Ellsworth, how community workers help us, as well as how farmers work on the farm. We have had hands on play with corn in our sand table as well!

The 3/4 year old class is working on knowing colors and shapes and now after Christmas break we are starting to introduce letters while making an animal letter book! We have enjoyed trips to the nursing home and fire station this year as well!

We are getting ready for our annual basket raffle fundraiser on Feb. 1st at the boys basketball game!! You can get tickets the night of the game!! I'm very happy with how far my preschoolers have come the first half of the year and can't wait to keep growing with them while we prepare for kindergarten!!

Mrs. McDowell

February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				BB SWC (H) Pep Band	BB H-BC (A) GB Adrian (A) Student of the month	9 th grade BB Tourn. @ SWC 9 th grade GB tourn. @ Adrian
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	GB H-BC (H) 7:15 BB Adrian (H) 5:00, 6:00 Pep Band	EPTO Mtg. 6:30 pm		GB HL-O (A) ECFE 5:30	BB RRC (H)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Homecoming Coronation 7:00	GB W-WG (H) Parents Night	Valentine's Day	BB W-WG (A)	Early Dismissal 1:20 BB TMB (H) Parents Night Dance until 12:00	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Presidents Day No School BB & GB MCC (H) Burger Feed	School Board Mtg. 6:30 pm		ECFE 5:30 Sub-Section GB	BB HL-O (H)	Sub-Section GB
25	26	27	28			
	Project 13 7:00	Parent-Teacher Conf. 4:00-8:00 for grades K-12 Sub-Section GB				