

Ellsworth Public School

January 2018

High School Special Education

We have a new assistant director of special education from the Southwest/West Central Special Education Cooperative this year. Her name is Lisa Mickle. Our grade 10 students will be meeting with their vocational rehabilitation counselor during their Individualized Education Program meetings in the coming year to start their application process for Vocational Rehabilitation of Minnesota during their junior year. This organization prepares students for future work either through post-secondary education or job experience coaching after graduation. Application for these services is available to any of our students with current Individual Education Plans. The special education teacher will be notifying students as they reach their junior year with the forms to fill out to pursue this opportunity.

Special Education
Mrs. Kordahl

Creative Writing World Literature

Creative Writing is a small class this year with only 5 girls from the Junior and Senior classes-Devin Dreesen, Mady Domeyer, McKenna Hinrichs, Kristi Kooiker, and Sierra Smith. The girls have been working on various projects throughout the year, such as a childhood memoir, a piece of historical fiction, and a love story. They have just started to spend more time on their novellas, which are their 50 page short stories. Some of the girls are just continuing other stories they have started in class while others are starting fresh with a new story for their novellas. Their novellas are due January 9 so that the girls can work on them over Christmas Break. It's been great seeing these girls write some great pieces of writing, especially with the love stories. I can-

not wait to read their novellas and see the stories they create.

World Literature has all the other Juniors and Seniors in it. They started their year in Africa, reading the novels "Things Fall Apart" and "A Long Way Gone", which is a memoir written by a former child soldier from Sierra Leone. They then spent some time in Asia with numerous short stories and poems, as well as the Japanese novel "Silence". They went to India briefly and read sections of "The Jungle Book" and are now in the Middle East. They just finished their last novel, "The Kite Runner", and are now starting to research for their five page paper over a country of their choosing and the literature in that country. Overall, it's been a great class to explore other cultures and their literature with.

Mrs. Kramer

Spring Play Tidbit

Mark your calendar for the Spring Musical dinner Theater as EHS performs "Aladdin". The performance date will be March 16, with a supper offered beforehand. Stay tuned for ticket information.

Mrs. Kramer

Homecoming 2018

Homecoming will be during the week of February 12-16. Coronation will be on Monday the 12th at 7 pm in the EHS gym with a dance for the High School after the boys' home game on Friday the 16th. Stay tuned for more information.

Happy New Year

January 2018

Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	4 Mini Donuts Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	5 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
8 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	9 Waffle Sticks w/ Syrup Sausage Link Fruit Juice Milk	10 Ham-Egg- Cheese on a Biscuit Fruit Juice Milk	11 Long Johns Fruit Juice Milk	12 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
15 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	16 French Toast Sticks w/ Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	17 Omelets Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	18 Pop Tarts Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	19 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
22 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	23 Pancakes w/ Syrup Sausage Link Fruit Juice Milk	24 Egg Bake Fruit Juice Milk	25 Cinnamon Rolls Fruit Juice Milk	26 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
29 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	30 Pancake on a stick w/ Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	31 Sausage-Egg- Cheese on a Croissant Fruit Juice Milk		

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IMPORTANT DATES

5th Grade Boys & Girls

BB Tournament January 6

Homecoming Week February 12-16

Burger Feed February 19

Check the monthly calendar for other

IMPORTANT activities at

Ellsworth Public School

Pep Band Schedule

The pep band will perform

on the following dates:

January 16, 25, 30

February 1, 5

*Pep band performances are

between B & A Games



THIRD GRADE NEWS

In third grade this year, there are a total of eight students. The students are Gretchen Lefdal, Elaine Nath, Maliya Nave, Kaci Palmer, Gavin De Wild, Josh Honken, Kolton Gieseke, and Carter McClure.

Reading this year has shown to be a strong area for the entire class, whether it is that some started out very strong, or that others have shown tremendous improvement. With the students demonstrating such responsibility, I have given them more when choosing Daily 3 centers. Students know that they will read to self every day, and work with me at some point, and they choose their final center based on what they need to work on. Every day, students keep track of what centers they have gone to in order to know what they should work on the following day.

From the beginning of the year, to where students are now, math has launched into a whole new experience. Just like reading, students are taking more ownership of their work and have found that by doing so they are very proud of their final result. In math right now, students are finishing up with subtraction before starting multiplication. This is going to be a very new and exciting time for students as it will be the first time they have learned any multiplication.

I have been rotating between Science and Social Studies each quarter. In Science, students have finished up learning about earth's land. Students were able to learn about minerals, rocks, and

fossils before finding out all of the forces that shape the land. The most exciting part to students was learning about volcanoes and earth quakes. During quarter 2 students have been learning more about communities. In this last home stretch of the quarter, students will "dive" into the world and find

their community in the smallest way, and then find their community in the largest way.

I have had such a great start with this group of kiddos in third grade. Not only have I been able to see growth in their education, but I have seen them grow into such a caring, and well-rounded group of children. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and enjoys the new year of 2017.

The Third Grade Teacher,
Mrs. Walters (Ms. Hemme)

Foods

The Foods class has had a busy fall semester. We have covered many topics including table manners, meats, spices, and food safety. They were able to cut up a chicken and make their own broth. They have also explored some careers in the Hospitality and Tourism industry.

It is always exciting to see the students explore in the kitchen. These are skills that will follow them throughout their lives and I enjoy seeing their confidence grow as they experiment in the kitchens.

Coming up in the second semester we will talk about various food topics including fruits, vegetables, soups, and breads. We will also discuss different culture's food. It is a fun, hands on environment and I am looking forward to seeing what they come up with in the new year.

Krystal Kolb

Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher

Yearbook Advisor





National Honor Society

The Ellsworth chapter of the National Honor Society held its' induction ceremony on Thursday, November 30th. This year we inducted 6 new members: **Devin Dreesen** (Senior), **Kristi Kooiker** (Senior), **Kade Boltjes** (Junior), **Sean Boltjes** (Junior), **Carter Boyenga** (Junior), and **Lizzie Chapa** (Junior). We also have two returning members, **McKenna Hinrichs** (Senior) and **Mady Domeyer** (Senior). Our guest speaker for the ceremony was Renae Pick, a former student of Ellsworth Public School.

Our new members were chosen and inducted based on 4 characteristics: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. In order to receive an application, juniors and seniors must hold a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher. Once they apply, a faculty committee reviews the applications and scores each applicant in each of the 4 areas. They must receive a certain score in order to become a member. Once inducted, members are expected to not only continue, but to grow in their academics, leadership responsibilities, service projects to the school and community, and their character.

As we look ahead to the rest of the year, our eight members will be participating in service projects in the community, as well as in the school. We will also be holding a couple different fundraisers to raise money for future service projects. We are excited for the second half of the year and we can't wait to get started!



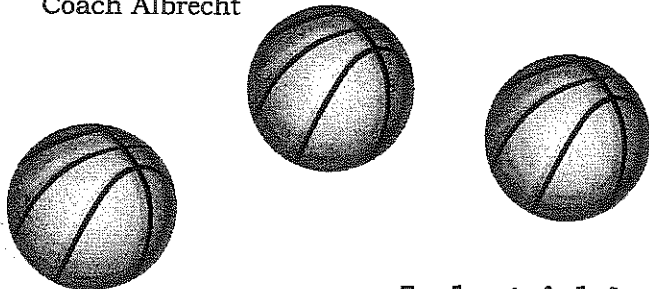
Miss Leuthold
National Honor Society Advisor

Junior High Girls Basketball

The 2017-2018 Panther basketball team consists of 10th grader Hope Shade; 9th grader Erin Miller; 8th graders Kassidy Nussbaum and Brooke Custer; 7th graders Paige Bixby, Matilyn Mulder, and Claire Popkes; and 6th graders Brynn Boyenga, Katie Buntjer and Sierra Custer.

Our years focus has been on working towards strengthening the fundamental skills of basketball. We have been practicing our ball handling, shooting form, passing, play action and conditioning. Along with that, we have been concentrating on jump stops, pivoting, screening players, and running our plays. Another main focus for our team is to move without the ball to get open, boxing out to get rebounds and communication skills. As a junior high team we have the privilege to work with the Varsity and Junior Varsity for our practices, which gives us players to look up to and shows us what we get to look forward to in the next coming years of basketball. We have come a long way from the beginning of the year already and can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for us!

Coach Albrecht



Junior High Boys Basketball

Basketball season is now in full swing. This is my second year serving as the junior high boys basketball coach. For junior high boys this year we have two 8th graders- Peyton Lewis and Cole Boltjes, and seven 6th graders- Jacob Timmer, Landon Luethold, Zach Onken, Marcus Lewis, Logan Bossert, Josh Jansma, and our newest addition Xavier Nussbaum.

For junior high basketball this year we are combining these two groups and playing other teams' 7th grade teams. The kids have been great at taking every challenge head on and having a great attitude about working with what we have. We understand that it is not ideal, but we try and take the positives out of whatever we can. It is an opportunity for the 6th graders to get a head start in the basketball program, and it gives the 8th graders more opportunities to get on the floor and work on their leadership skills in being good leaders and role models for the 6th graders. Each game and practice has been a great opportunity to continue to learn and grow from the mistakes we make.

We have so far played home games against George-Little Rock and H-BC, and road games against Adrian and Fulda. We look forward to play 2 home games against Adrian and Edgerton, as well as road games against H-BC and Edgerton. We will also be looking to participate in a couple of tournaments after our regular season is over. We thank you for all your support and wish good luck to all other winter sports teams in their seasons. Go Panthers!

Ethan Van Briesen

Industrial Arts Department

My teaching strategy has always been to better prepare students for some involvement with the world of work. Whether it be a hobby or a full fledge career, we can feel more confident if we have both experience and knowledge to guide our way. A school shop setting is a good place to develop a learn to work skill.

A good safe work technique and environment builds confidence in what one can take on and do. The middle school encompasses the start of the basics. Mastering hand tools is age appropriate for 7th grade. Communicating and applying measuring is a basic practical application of math concepts.

Once we accomplish these goals we need to retain and apply them in the 8th grade where we can design a simple project and be able to sketch, draw and follow our measuring knowledge and develop into a finished project. I like to see students keep acquiring and adding to their knowledge base to build confidence for future tasks.

To avoid frustration and being overwhelmed on having to undertake something we are not prepared for, it is more enjoyable to build confidence, ownership and pride in oneself by having a stepped out plan to follow.

Mr. Mayer

Happy New Year!

JANUARY 2018

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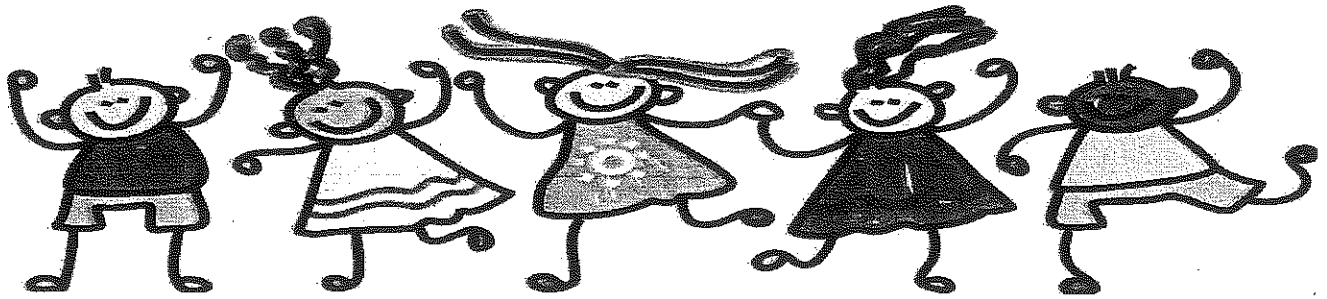
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 Corn Dogs Chips w/ Salsa Green Beans Fruit Milk	4 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Garlic Breadstick Fruit Milk	5 Super Nachos Corn Bread Fruit Milk
8 Pizza Corn Fruit Milk	9 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Green Beans Garlic Toast Fruit Milk	10 Mr Rib on a Bun Baked Beans Fruit Milk	11 Tomato/Broccoli Cheese Soup Turkey Sandwich Crackers w/ Cheese Fruit Milk	12 Hot Dog on a Bun Sweet Potato Tots Fruit Milk
15 Scalloped Potatoes W/ Ham Peas Bread Fruit Milk	16 Fish Nuggets Glazed Carrots Bread Fruit Milk	17 Tater Tot Hotdish Green Beans Bread Fruit Milk	18 Taco Haystack Lettuce Bread Fruit Milk	19 Hot Pork on a Bun Baked Beans Fruit Milk
22 Italian Bread w/ Meat Sauce Peas Fruit Milk	23 Chicken Fried Steak Broccoli w/ Cheese Bread Fruit Milk	24 Hamburger on a Bun Baked Beans Fruit Milk	25 Pork Choppette Corn Bread Fruit Milk	26 Pizza Boats Carrots Fruit Milk
29 Goulash Peas Dinner Roll Fruit Milk	30 Turkey Gravy Mashed Potato Bread Fruit Milk	31 BBQ on a Bun Baked Beans Fruit Milk		

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Happy New Year! No School	2 No School Teacher Inservice GB Hendricks (H)	3	4 GB R-T-R (A) JH BB Edg. (H)	5 BB MCC (A) JH BB Adrian (H) JH GB Adrian (A)	6 Legion Bingo 7:00 5 th grade basketball tourn. 9:00 am
7	8 GB & BB CCE (A)	9 GB MLA (A)	10	11 BB HL-O (A) JH GB Adrian (H) ECFE 5:30	12 GB MCC (A) Jazz Concert 7:00	13 BB Fulda (H) 1:00
14	15 Martin Luther King Day JH GB H-BC (H) EPTO Mtg. 6:30	16 BB H-BC (H) Pep Band School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm	17	18 GB Fulda (H) JH BB H-BC (A)	19 Early Dismissal 1:20 End of 2 nd Quarter BB MLA (A)	20 GB Edgerton (A)
21	22 GB Hendricks (A) JH BB Edg. (A) Project 13 7:00	23 BB Adrian (H)	24	25 GB SWC (H) Pep Band ECFE 5:30	26 BB Edgerton (A) JH GB Edg. (A)	27
28	29 BB R-T-R (A)	30 GB RRC (H) Pep Band	31			



EPTO Panther's Dance Camp

We invite Ellsworth Elementary students for a week of fun and dance!

Who: Any students in grades K-6th

What: 6 practices and a performance of their dance at

Homecoming Coronation

Where: Ellsworth Elementary First Grade Room

When: Practices: Monday, February 5 (after school-4:30 pm)

Tuesday, February 6 (after school-4:30 pm)

Wednesday, February 7 (after school-4:30 pm)

Thursday, February 8 (after school-4:30 pm)

Friday, February 9 (after school-4:30 pm)

Monday, February 12 (be to school at 5:30-

before Coronation)

Performance: Homecoming Coronation (Mon, Feb. 12 @ 7:00pm)

Why: To dance and have fun!!!!

How: Fill out the attached form and return it to Miss Leuthold **no later than Friday, January 19th!!**

Questions: Please contact Sara Leuthold with any questions you may have.

Email: sara.leuthold@ellsworth.mntm.org

Cell Phone: (712)470-0507

***Please have your child bring a snack and water bottle each day of practice.*

*We will be eating our snack first and then practicing each day.***

****This activity is sponsored by Ellsworth Parent Teacher Organization.*

*EPTO will be providing a camp t-shirt to all participants!!!****