



Elda Press



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738-1972

Attendance: 738-3121

September 2017

Notes from Mr. Kohls:

Wow! Just like that we have been in school for a few weeks already! We are so happy to work with your children every single day! We are very excited about what is happening at Elda everyday. We are going to do our best to keep you up-to-date on the activities and information you need to know about our school. We will use this newsletter, All-Calls, Twitter, and our website to share the wonderful things going on at Elda. Please visit our website (elda.rossrams.com) and check out what's happening in our classrooms.

Thank you for all of your support and for everything you do to support our school. We will continue to do everything we can to ensure every student learns to his or her potential. We appreciate your support and we value your involvement in the teaching and learning process! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns! Have a wonderful year!

School Fees

School fees for grades K-4 are \$40.00 for the 2017-2018 school year. If you have not paid your child's school fees yet, please make every effort to do so before the end of the quarter. Fees can be paid by cash, check made payable to Elda Elementary or credit card. Please call the Elda office at 738-1972 to make a credit card payment over the phone.

Breakfast at Elda

Elda Elementary serves a nutritious breakfast every morning except delay days. The cost of breakfast is \$1.25. Students on reduced lunches pay \$.30 and students on

free lunches receive a free breakfast. Give your student a healthy start to their day by eating breakfast at Elda!

PTO Marco's Fundraiser

Elda will be partnering with Marco's Pizza in Hamilton again this year to have fundraiser nights. On the third Wednesday each month our school will earn 15% of sales when Elda is mentioned upon ordering. Each month we will have a few classes participating in pizza box decorating. If your student has a decorated box that month, Marco's will place your order in your child's box. Also, we will be selling Marco's discount coupon cards. Look for more information on these things coming home soon.

September Calendar

- 1 No School – Staff In-Service Day
- 4 No School – Labor Day
- 11 Kindergarten Grandparent/VIP Day
AM Kdg. 9:20-10:20 AM
PM Kdg. 1:20-2:20 PM
- 12 1st Grade Grandparent/VIP Day
9:20-10:20 AM
- 12 PTO Meeting 7 PM
- 13 2nd Grade Grandparent/VIP Day
9:20-10:20 AM
- 14 3rd Grade Grandparent/VIP Day
9:20-10:20 AM
- 14 Board of Education Meeting
6:30 PM at RHS
- 15 4th Grade Grandparent/VIP Day
9:20-10:20 AM
- 15 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 18 End of Yankee Candle Fundraiser
- 20 Earth Club 4:00-5:00 PM
- 20 Marco's Dine-to-Donate
- 28 Bookmobile at Elda



August Birthdays

Ozzy Allen, Ava Bosse, Mya Bosse, Lucas Brown, Jillian Craft, Annabelle Doerflein, Kyla Elsen, Riley Engel, Tanner Eury, Ellie Flannery, Landen Foster-Gessner, Vincent Galante, Grant Geiger, Ryder Gibson, Lydia Godsey, Lucy Grote, Zoey Hacker, Ruby Harris, Jackson Hibbard, Jillian Hibbard, Emma Hoffman, Evan Huss, Parker Jackson, Josie Jones, Madyson Koeninger, Seth Maybury, Faith McAlpin, Aleza McVey, Ella Meyers, Heather Mezzell, Ellie Michel, William Moeller, Mya Montgomery, Shannon Neal, Aiden Ondrovich, Leland Ondrovich, Lila Pawlowsky, Hollis Perdue, Michael Rakes, Zacharie Rakes, Rachel Rettinger, Ella Riehle, Benjamin Rousch, Jonathan Rutherford, Kaylee Sharp, Julia Smith, Blake Stewart, Rylee Thinnis, Gabriel Totten, Eli Trenkamp, Bailee Vadnais, Gavin Verbecken, Christopher Webb, Alexa Wittenbach

September Birthdays

Ruth Beiting, William Benjamin, Oscar Bischoff, Brayden Clemans, Bryson Coleman, Aliyah Cooper, Alexander Crouch, Madison Damron, Matthew Ellis, Ethan Francis, Abdiel Garcia, Kameron Griffin, Zoey Gronas, Parker Hoock, Delainey Johnson, Ella Kaya, Layla Keeling, Reuben Kelly, Logan Kremer, Travis Maher, Avery McFarland, Killian Melcher, Colin Molter, Rylie Murphy, Sienna Murphy, Baylee Needham, Haylee Needham, Hunter Neeley, Katlynn Oehler, Grayson Ozias, Charlee Payne, Thomas Pfirman, Kyleigh Portlock, Nicholas Romans, Kaden Schaller, Gavin Shawhan, Levi Smith, Ayden Springer, Addyson Stoeppel, Ava Vanderbilt, Miley Weisbrodt, Eli Wells, Joseph Whalen, Emilie Wright, Alexandra Young, Haylee Yulfo



Kindergarten News

The kindergartners are all set for a busy September. They are still learning the basics of the kindergarten classroom but they are picking up routines very quickly.

This month they will be listening to stories that teach how everyone is unique. We will be getting to know each other better through exploring our names and special characteristics about each other. We will be discussing the five senses, the season of fall, community helpers, and fire safety! Students will also be participating in an author study on Eric Carle.

The students will be working on being able to recognize, write, and count with the numbers zero through ten.

The kindergartners are working on learning the routines of writing workshop and gaining confidence in writing the sounds they hear in words.

On September 11th, kindergarten will be hosting Grandparent's Day! We look forward to meeting all of the grandparents!

First Grade News

First graders are learning how to use a variety of reading strategies to figure out difficult words. We can look at the picture, think about what makes sense, skip the word and read on, sound out each letter of the word, reread the sentence, look for chunks we know, and lastly, we can ask for help.

During the month of September, we will learn about community helpers, apples, seasons and weather. In math, building number sense and learning about math tools continue to be a focus. Students will also develop an understanding of addition and subtraction strategies for addition and subtraction within 20. In writing workshop, we will continue to work on our small moment stories. First graders will learn how to focus in on a small moment and write about that moment. Each story will have a beginning, middle and end. We are also looking forward to Grandparents and V.I.P. Day for first grade on Tuesday, September 12.

Second Grade News

Our school year is in full swing and we are already learning so much! Students are getting adjusted to the new routines of their classrooms. Classes have started guided reading groups, writing workshop, spelling, and much more!

In reading, students have been focusing on skills with fictional stories. We have explored characters and how they respond to events in a story. Students have also learned how to retell a story that includes a beginning, middle, and ending. A big focus in second grade is understanding what we read and writing about it!

Students will be focusing on writing personal narratives in writing workshop! They will take a special small moment and stretch it over several pages to create their story. We will work hard on writing a good beginning that hooks the reader, a detailed middle that zooms in on the most important points, and an ending that wraps up the action!

In math, we are learning about even and odd numbers, place value, and addition and subtraction strategies. Students will learn strategies like using doubles facts, making a ten to add, and relating addition and subtraction. Students are working hard to develop fact power (automatically knowing math facts without using fingers or a number line to count up or down)! Please continue to practice addition and subtraction flashcards at home!

The 2nd grade teachers are striving to create a brilliant and welcoming environment for each student. We want them to enjoy 2nd grade and be successful. We look forward to a great year!



Third Grade News

So far in third grade we have been working hard to get back into the swing of things! We have completed our first round of MAP testing in Reading, Math and Science. We are continuing to work with the students on getting them in their routines and working independently and in small groups during centers. During our reading mini-lessons, students are learning that text + thinking = real reading. As they read, they are using thinking stems to help them with this skill.

In language, the students are studying common and proper nouns. They have been finding nouns and categorizing them. The students have been excited to use their whiteboards to write categories for “person, place, and thing”. We will be moving on to pronouns and conjunctions in the next couple of weeks.

In math, we have been busy working through our lessons in our Go Math series. The concepts and skills we are covering include: place value, rounding, estimation, addition and subtraction and more! Please be sure to keep helping your child at home with his/her fluency in basic addition and subtraction skills.

In science, we have been learning about Earth’s Resources. We have discussed renewable and nonrenewable resources, pollution, conservation, rocks, minerals, and soils. The students had the opportunity to observe soils and experiment with their permeability and test minerals for a variety of properties. We will also be discussing energy sources.

In writing, we have been working on creating “Million Dollar Sentences” – sentences that are worth a million bucks! This includes having at least 8 words, perfect punctuation and capitalization, and using only one ‘and’ or one ‘then’. This idea of a million dollar sentence gets the kids to add more details to their sentences. Please be sure to have your child work on this at home on their homework as well! We have also begun generating ideas for our Personal Narratives!

Fourth Grade News

Fourth grade is off to a great start. We are settling into our regular routines and the students are getting used to switching teachers. Be sure to ask your student each day what classes they had, and what they learned about. In the first few weeks of school, students have begun learning about place value in math, Ohio's location within the world in social studies, and have learned about "What is Science" in science. During reading, students are learning to use texts to ask and answer questions, and look for text features.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting school year. Be on the lookout for what students are learning in their plan book, as well as on the What's Happening section of the Elda website each week.

Art News

Students are off to a great start in art! First grade classes are learning about color. They are creating fun line designs and filling them in with beautiful colors. Students are also making paper collage portraits. Second graders drew owls, colored them with crayons, outlined with markers then added feathers. Third graders created crayon resist roller coaster name designs. They painted their designs with watercolor. Students are also creating leaf patterns with designs and kaleidoscopes. Fourth grade students are creating optical illusions and giant eyes with a color wheel for the inside of the eye. We will be doing a lot of painting and printing soon! Please have students dress accordingly for art. If you would like to send your child with an oversized T-shirt, (for messy projects), please put the student's name, teacher name, and grade on it with permanent marker and place it in a zip lock bag.



Enrichment News

Third grade enrichment students are answering the driving question: How could we, as third graders, make recommendations to change our community so that more third graders are involved in something outside of the school day? In groups, they will investigate the activities that already exist such as sports, scouts, MetroParks, and 4H. Then they will list what the community could offer and create an online survey using Google Forms to survey their peers. Each student will write a letter to the PTO sharing their findings while recommending after school activities that may be considered.

Fourth grade enrichment students are answering the driving question: How can we, as global citizens, learn about government, elections, geography and global issues by building our own country? Students will determine a location for their country, make passports, and create a flag, motto and national anthem. They will set up a government (oligarchy, theocracy, single-party or democracy), hold elections, write a constitution, make laws, serve their citizens, make money, take a holiday, and form an allegiance with other countries.

Media Center News

Please make a note on your calendars. Elda's fall book fair dates are Oct. 23-27, 2017.

This fall's theme is "Wild West Book Fair". There will be hundreds of great books to choose from, just in time to begin looking for holiday gifts. As always, parents and grandparents are welcome to visit during the fair and shop along with their students. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with our fair, please feel free to call or email me with the times you are available. I will also be sending a letter home with the classroom schedule and book fair hours, so be watching for that in your child's bookbag.

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Monthly Music Minute

We have been having so much fun in music class so far! Check out what each grade has been doing below. If you want to see a daily dose of music class, make sure to download and set up the SeeSaw app to see what your student is doing! Make sure to mark down the concerts for this school year!

Concerts 2017-2018

October 10th – 3rd Grade

December 4th – 2nd Grade

March 20th – 1st Grade

May 1st – 4th Grade

1st Grade:

We have been having so much fun in 1st grade music. We have found our singing voices and have started practicing the steady beat. We move to different types of music and have even been learning some fun folk songs.

2nd Grade:

Second grade students will be reviewing lots of concepts we covered in first grade. We practiced some melody and rhythm notes. Soon we will start playing melodies on the barred instruments. We love to sing and dance to songs as well.

3rd Grade:

From the first day of school, 3rd graders have been hard at work on their concert. We are singing, dancing, and playing instruments in anticipation of our upcoming performance. Look for a paper soon with more information about the concert.

4th Grade:

Review time for 4th grade. We have been reviewing all sorts of concepts, songs, rhythms, and melodies that we have done in the past. We just started working on a new rhythm pattern called Syncopa as well as finding songs in different meters.



Counselor Corner

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Hello and welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We are happy to be back to school! This month, we are teaching our kids the school rules: **be respectful, be responsible, be a peaceful problem-solver.** Talk with your children about what these mean and how they can follow these!

We are super excited about our new playground! It has been a lot of fun for our kids! We also have some new buddy benches on our playground this year! The buddy bench is a way to make sure that all kids are being included on the playground. If a child is feeling left out, he or she can sit on the buddy bench. This will signify to other students to ask that child to play with them. This way, all kids at recess will have someone to play with. It is a great way to spread kindness, tolerance, and empathy for one another. We are thrilled to get buddy benches at Elda Elementary as a way for all kids to feel welcome! Some of the students made a video about them. Take a look here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HzHGgJhHnaE>



We are continually building up our positive school environment! High fives are starting back up on Tuesday's. These are a way for students to get recognized for positive behavior. Kids are also participating in the café challenge and are continuing to get points in the cafeteria for good behavior! The 200 Club has started as well where kids get a purple ticket for an act of kindness or for working hard. We are so proud of your kids and all of the hard work they do!

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TREATED.

Next month, we will be starting our new *Second Step* program. The *Second Step* program is a universal, classroom-based curriculum designed to increase students' school success, decrease problem behaviors, and promote social-emotional competence and self-regulation. There will be more information to come in October!

Safety Patrol is up and running! These students have been recognized by being respectful and responsible students. Way to go, Safety Patrol! Student council elections are taking place this month so that will be starting very soon! We will continue learning and growing. Thanks for sharing your wonderful kids with us at Elda! We are off to a fantastic start! :)