Dear Elden families and staff,

Happy December. Let’s hope we don’t get too much snow; however, it can be pretty. As we start out the month of December, I’d like to wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah!

Congratulations to the following students in 4th and 5th grade: Christina DeCaro, Elena Treasure, Meeyah Grover, Elizabeth Peck, Johnna Madigan, Gaspar Rosario, Bella Butera, Ines Rivera-Nuñez, Claire Simiensyk, Emily Turner, Kate Kahl and Lilah Dias. They successfully completed an application for the 2021-2022 Principal’s Council.

Our first agenda item for Principal’s Council was to hold an election for our officers. Nine brave students created speeches based on their candidacy. I am proud to announce the following 4th and 5th Grade Principal’s Council officers: Christina DeCaro, treasurer, Elizabeth Peck, secretary, Bella Butera, vice president and Clair Simiensyk as president. We are looking forward to bringing great ideas to light with fundraising ideas to help others.

Our 4th and 5th Grade Principal’s Council has organized an Elden Spirit Week. It will be from December 13th to December 17th. Each day we will have a different theme including, Stuffed Animal Day- Mon; Pajama Day- Tues; Mismatch Day- Wed; Read My T-shirt Day- Thurs; and Elden T-shirt Day- Fri. On December 17th, we will also have a Favorite Hat Day fundraiser. Students will have the option of donating $1 to support our community. The students are brainstorming ideas and will make a final decision by the end of the first week in December.

Here is some other exciting news, Mrs. Brinkman and Miss Manning’s 5th grade class won the Golden Table Award for November. We had so many wonderful children and classes caught practicing the 3 Bees. They consistently received 3 Bees tickets towards winning the Golden Table Award. They are fully aware of how we are to BEE RESPECTFUL, BEE RESPONSIBLE AND BEE SAFE! Way to Go!!

There was also a yearbook cover contest this past month. We had the most entries than any other year. The top five student drawings were as follows with Abigail Jung in fifth place; Aidan Formoza in fourth place; Eli Miller in third place; Josie Ludington in second place; and
Christina DeCaro in first place. I am so proud of all of our students for entering and putting in such effort.

We do not have a PTA meeting scheduled in December. Our next meeting will be virtual on January 11th at 7:30pm. Thank you for all the wonderful Elden Spirit Nights including last months at Chick-fil-A on Rt. 31. In the meantime, check out our PTA’s webpage at: https://elden.ptboard.com/

As a reminder, if you need to pick up your child early from school, you can request this online. This really helps speed up the process as we dismiss students. Follow this link: https://forms.gle/eMZLxdmKh16xjGz77

Please check your email regularly for important updates and if you have any questions, please let me know. Be safe and healthy!

Sincerely,
Mr. Coughlin
Principal

From Our Social Worker’s Office:

The winter months will be approaching soon and often this is a time when some families require more support than they usually need. If you feel you are a family in need of extra assistance this winter, please reach out to our school social worker, Jessica Butler. You can contact her by email at JLButler@bville.org or by phone at 315-638-6118.

Our coin collection war has already raised $1708.45. This money will be used to help our families in need. Our students are having such a great time competing class by class. This has been done in the past at Elden and we are so excited to bring this great idea back to Elden.

From Our Health Office and The Main Office:

As some of you know, we have been contact tracing due to exposures of COVID-19. As a reminder, students who show symptoms of COVID-19 will need to go home and see their doctor. In order to return to school, your child must receive a negative test result. If a child does not get a test, then that child must stay out of school for 10 days. If the child tests positive, this will then result in an isolation period. Keep us informed of any test results and known exposures out of school.

COVID-19 vaccinations have begun for elementary students. Please send us the documentation once the second vaccine has been administered. This will then help us to determine whether or not your child will have to quarantine if he or she is exposed after being fully vaccinated.
Typically, your child will not have to quarantine if full vaccinations were completed at least two weeks prior. This is also pending no symptoms.

**The Positivity Project and the 3 Bees:**

For the month of December, we will be learning about Kindness, Knowing my words & actions affect others & Self-Control. As we continue through the year, we are encouraging our Elden Eagles to Bee Respectful, Bee Responsible and Bee Safe.

**Calendar of Dates:**

November 28: Hanukkah began at midnight! Happy Hanukkah!
December 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities
December 6: BOE Mtg 7:00pm
December 7: Elden Winter Concert at Baker High School, 6:30pm
December 10: Coin wars end
December 13-17: Spirit Week
December 20: BOE Mtg 7:00pm
December 24: Holiday Break - no school for students or staff
December 25: Merry Christmas
December 26: Kwanzaa begins- Happy Kwanzaa
December 27-31: Holiday Break continues- no school for students and staff
January 1: Happy New Year! Welcome 2022!
January 3: School is back in session!

Congratulations to Mrs. Newvine, our former school secretary. She was promoted to an administrative aide position in our district office. Welcome Mrs. Swanson, who was promoted to be our new school secretary from Baker High School. In addition, welcome to Mrs. Strikis, teaching assistant, Ms. Landley and Ms. Woods, lunch monitors and welcome back to Mrs. Palmisano who returns as a teaching assistant.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**