Dear Elden families,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family and friends were able to enjoy the holiday vacation. It was certainly a much needed rest and relaxation for everyone. This past year has certainly proven to be unique. I am just so happy we are able to continue our in person learning. It is just so wonderful to see all of your children’s bright and smiling faces every day.

Congratulations to Mrs. Lohr and Laven’s first grade class for winning the Golden Table Award for December. As you know, Elden eagles have been so eager to follow the 3 BEES with the wonderful PTA incentive of the book vending machine. Not only can they earn a new book with a golden coin for getting caught reading five times, they can get caught following the 3 BEES. The 3 Bees tickets count for the Golden Table Award as well.

In addition, in the month of December, Mrs. Sperry brought back a wonderful fundraiser, which helps local families during the holiday season. With the assistance of Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Butler, our students competed in Coin Wars. Students were encouraged to donate their pocket change. They raised a total of $4,111.16. December was such a month of giving with all classrooms decorating 575 food bags for the Rescue Mission. We held a family food drive as well to help even more local families.

Congratulations to Mrs. Lang, our former school psychologist. She accepted her new position as the Baker High School psychologist. We are excited for her new adventures, but sad at the same time because we will miss her greatly. Because of this, I’d like to congratulate Brooke Batson, who will replace Mrs. Lang. She currently is a long-term substitute psychologist at Van Buren Elementary School. She will be transitioning to Elden in the coming weeks.

Please stay tuned for our Pick-A-Reading Partner (PARP) program, which will be starting this month. Our PTA has organized many fun and exciting activities to coincide with PARP including our One School One Book component. Our next PTA meeting is January 11th at 7:30pm. This is a time change. The meetings will continue to be held remotely. Check out their webpage at: https://elden.ptboard.com/

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 Health Office:

Thank you for hanging in there with all of the COVID-19 guidelines and the continual changes. As you know, we are in a global pandemic during flu season! Here is a link for the most updated information regarding COVID-19: [https://sites.google.com/view/bvillecovid19/home](https://sites.google.com/view/bvillecovid19/home)

From Elden’s 4th and 5th Grade Principal’s Council:

We have a favorite day fundraiser on Friday, January 7th for Tornado Relief in Kentucky. Students are encouraged to wear their favorite hat and donate $1 for supporting families in need.

The Positivity Project and the 3 Bees:

For the month of January, we will be learning about Optimism, Prudence, Perseverance & Supporting others when they struggle. As we continue through the year, we are encouraging our Elden Eagles to Bee Respectful, Bee Responsible and Bee Safe.

Calendar of Dates:

January 1: NO SCHOOL- Happy New Year!
January 2: COVID-19 home tests distribution at Baker HS
January 3: School is back in session
January 6: Virtual Lunch and Learn w/Supt. Thomson, 12:00pm
January 10: BOE Mtg 7:00pm
January 11: PTA Mtg on Zoom, 7:30pm
January 12: Syracuse Stage comes to Elden virtually
January 17: NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr, Day
January 17-Feb 4: PARP begins!
January 22: Written Spelling Bee for County Champs
January 24: BOE Mtg, 7:00pm