

ELDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

January 2024



Dear Elden families,

I hope you are having a wonderful holiday vacation with your family and friends. December was a very quick month. It seems like it just flew by. Here are some highlights from last month::



- Golden Table winner for December: Mrs. Follansbee/Duncan's 4th grade class!
- PTA Spirit Week!
- Elden's Winter Concert!
- Holiday Sing-a-long!
- 2nd graders attended the Syracuse Stage musical, *A Christmas Carol* starring our one and only, Milo Ladd and Tatum Taylor, a former Elden student. Yay!



Milo Ladd (*Tiny Tim, School Boy*) is thrilled to be making his theatre debut at Syracuse Stage! He is a second grader from Baldwinsville, New York. Milo enjoys baseball, basketball, playing piano, and telling jokes. He would like to thank his teachers, friends, and family for their support.



Tatum Taylor (*Rich Girl, Upper Class Daughter*) is a 6th grader at Ray Middle School in Baldwinsville and is thrilled to be making her professional theatre debut here at Syracuse Stage. No stranger to the theatre, this show marks Tatum's 12th show to date. Some favorite past roles include: Molly in *Annie* (CNY Playhouse), Attina in *The Little Mermaid* (CNY CAC), and Gretel in *The Brothers Grimm Spectacular* (GNAC). Special thanks to the amazing production staff, the young actor supervisors, and the entire cast for making this an incredible experience.



Here is some really great news we learned last month- Elden Elementary School is still a school in good standing. As some of you might remember, for the past few years we were a school on a school comprehensive education plan (SCEP) for improvement based on our NYS test scores.



Last year, we made more than adequate progress according to NYS and we were taken off the plan. Based on our NYS test scores from last year, we still remain a school in good standing based on those scores. During this time, we examined many things such as ongoing assessments and all subgroups as well as many other items. Because of our diligent efforts, we improved. I am so proud of all of our staff and students for their tremendous effort to improve especially in reading and mathematics.



Don't forget to check out our PTA: <https://elden.ptboard.com/> Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2024. We will be meeting online and we will send out the link to join on the day of the PTA meeting. As you know our PTA is responsible for the many wonderful events that take place throughout the school year such as last month's holiday shop, spirit week and Panera night. In addition, during the month of January, we will be having our annual Pick a Reading Partner Program (PARP). This will begin on January 16th. We have invited a guest author, Alica Z. Klepieis, who will present to our student body on January 22nd as a major component of our PARP program and reading goals.

Make sure you check your email often. We will be updating you on upcoming events. Also, check the calendar of dates on the back of this newsletter for things happening in January.

Sincerely,

Mr. Coughlin, Principal



From the Main Office:

If you need to change your child's dismissal or need to contact the main office, please use the following link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hsKWocDW2dJRnFEHMqIeKZeXmiNV5xQFeyJRoj9JOA8/edit?ts=5f523f5e>
You can call the main office at 315-638-6118 as well.



From the Food Service Department:

I am so thrilled to announce that the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) will begin January 2, 2023 in all of our schools. This means meals will now be provided at no cost to all enrolled students. One complete breakfast and one complete lunch per student. Meaning - the necessary components must be on their trays in order to qualify one fruit and or one vegetable. Items that are not included in the CEP program *Milk*---It will still cost \$.85 (cents). Extra meals or entrees and anything ala cart will be extra money as well.

Our obligation is to provide 1 complete meal per student. With that said we will be scaling back as we master service. We will slowly introduce additional items (snacks, ice cream & additional offerings). We are asking for your patience and support as we navigate this process.

Also, as a reminder any negative balances will NOT be expunged. Any student/family that has a balance is still obligated to pay the amount previously owed.



From the Health Office:

As a reminder, Influenza (also known as flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs. Flu is different from a cold, and usually comes on suddenly. Each year flu viruses cause millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospital stays and thousands or tens of thousands of deaths in the United States. If you would like more information from our health services, you can follow the link below:

<https://www.bville.org/teacherpage.cfm?teacher=766>

Calendar of Dates:

January is National Blood Donor Month!

**Happy
New Year!**

January 1: Happy New Year!

January 2: School is back in session

January 8: BOE Mtg, 7:00pm

January 9: PTA Mtg online, 6:30pm

January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday,
No school for students and staff

Jan 16-Feb 2: Pick a Reading Partner Program (PARP) begins

January 17: Joint District-wide PTA Mtg, 6:30pm

January 20: District and county Lego Competition

January 22: PARP Author Visit; BOE Workshop Night

January 25: Last day of Enrichment Clubs for Semester 1

January 26: End of Marking Period 2

January 27: Holocaust Remembrance Day!

January 30: First day of Enrichment Clubs for Semester 2

January 31: Community Cafe at Baker HS, 6:00pm

February 1: Black History Month begins

February 2: Elden Cultural Diversity Fair- culminating PARP celebration! &
Report Cards available in Parent Portal

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