



December 2017

# Elden Elementary's Newsletter

## From Mr. Coughlin

Dear Elden Families,

The holiday season has begun. This time of the year is so exciting. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving this past month. It was great to relax during the long weekend. Here is a brief review of this past November:

- \$300 raised for Puerto Rico from our favorite hat day fundraiser on November 3
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade watched the Symphoria performance at Baker High School on November 8
- Mr. Cardamone, the Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction K-6, presented at our PTA meeting on November 14
- All of Elden watched *The Little Mermaid Jr.* at Bake HS on November 17
- Family Fun Night with a STEM theme on November 17
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders received dictionaries from the Rotary Club of Baldwinsville on November 21
- Mrs. Sperry's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class made the news: <http://www.clipsyndicate.com/video/play/7182530>
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders participated in the District-wide Spelling Bee on November 29
- Elden Homework Help and Bedtime Stories Community Event at Riverknoll on November 29

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal's Council began November with a fundraiser for hurricane relief for Puerto Rico. We raised \$300. Students donated \$1 to wear their favorite hat. The Principal's Council will be working on making videos during the month of December to emphasize the Three Bees of Character: "Bee Respectful, Bee Responsible and Bee Safe."

We had the annual Spelling Bee this past month. The top spellers from 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade who competed at Baker High School on November 29<sup>th</sup> were Nia Delardi, Blaisha Flores, and Molly Scherfling. They did a great job and I am so proud of them.

Coming up in December is one of my favorite things. Our annual holiday concert featuring our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus, band and orchestra. Mrs. Kahl, Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Grimaldi and their students put on such a wonderful performance. It will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:15pm for students and 6:30pm for families.

Our PTA put on another terrific family fun night on November 17<sup>th</sup>. We had a STEM themed event and everyone had a superb time. The next PTA meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please check out the PTA's webpage at: <https://elden.ptboard.com/home>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call. Thank you.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Coughlin



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Have a safe and wonderful Christmas vacation!

### **3 BEES OF CHARACTER**

All of our Elden Eagles practice the 3 Bees:

Bee Respectful!

Bee Responsible!

Bee Safe!

The character trait for December is:

**CITIZENSHIP!**



### **From Superintendent McDonald**

Superintendent. McDonald's next Coffee and Conversation will be December 14th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the Baldwinsville Public Library. We hope you will join Superintendent McDonald and his guest speakers for any or all of the "Coffee & Conversation" meetings this school year.

### **Mrs. Cavalieri and Girls on the Run!**

Elden's Girls on the Run team meets twice a week for ten weeks in small teams. Beginning in March for girls in grades 3-5, we teach life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. The curriculum is taught by certified Girls on the Run coaches and includes three parts: understanding ourselves, valuing relationships and teamwork and understanding how we connect with and shape the world at large.

Running is used to inspire and motivate girls, encourage lifelong health and fitness, and build confidence through accomplishment. Important social, psychological, and physical skills and abilities are developed and reinforced. In June, at the season's conclusion, the girls and their running buddies complete Paige's Butterfly Run- an event which gives them a tangible sense of achievement as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals. The result—making the seemingly impossible, possible, and teaching girls that they can.

### **From the Nurse's Office**

Flu season is upon us. When talking with your children, focus on what your child can do to fight the flu and to not spread the flu to others. Encourage healthy habits: Eating healthy foods, getting enough sleep and getting exercise. Encourage them to cough and sneeze into a tissue when they are sick and to throw it in the trash right away. When they ask questions, use them as a chance to tell them how to avoid the flu and how to not spread flu and other germs. For more information, see the attached document or go to [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)



#### **Calendar of Events**

##### **December 2017:**

- December 1: 4th and 5th Grade Chorus sings at Syracuse Home and Tops
- December 4: BOE Mtg, 7:00pm
- December 7: 4th and 5th Grade Concert, 6:30pm
- December 12: Elden Staff Caroling at Riverknoll, 5:30pm
- December 13: 5th Grade Parent Mtg on Moving Up Day, 6:00PM
- December 14: Coffee and Conversation with Supt. McDonald, Public Library, 6:00pm
- December 15: 5th Grade Caroling at Silver Fox, 10:00am
- December 18: BOE Mtg, 7:00pm
- December 23 – January 1: Christmas Recess
- January 2: School Resumes



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