



February 2019

# Elden Elementary's Newsletter

## From Mr. Coughlin

Dear Elden Families,

What an exciting month we had in January. I would like to congratulate all of our students who participated in the Perennial Math competition at Jordan-Elbridge High School. We had 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students compete. We had six teams and 28 students who competed in individual and team timed math competitions. Two of our teams placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> graders: Victoria Lee, Aaron Watson, Cory Young, Brayden Mooney and Madelyn Lester; 5<sup>th</sup> graders: Isabella Cerro, Sawyer Barr, Anderson Beck and Frank Manzi. In the individual competition, Emily Diep placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> grader, Aaron Watson, tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Aidan Griffin, tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Isabella Cerro, tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place! Other students who participated were Chase Asmus, Robert Rivera-Nunez, Ryan Porter, Jake Heindorf, Natalie Rothenhoefer, Jailey Crysler, Dylan Brown, Jade Badolato, Gage Hudson, Aiden Briceno, Colton Schmidt, Brydon Mushynsky, Grady Dixon, Evan Beckwith, Keira Delardi, Seren Maralutz, and Derek Barr. This was truly a super group of mathematicians! Thank you to Mrs. Hunt for organizing this and to the PTA for sponsoring this event. We are so proud of this achievement.

Our next PTA meeting is in March. We might be changing the date because there is a concert the same night. I will let you know via email if we are changing the date. Please check out the PTA's website at: <https://elden.ptboard.com/>. In the meantime, I would like to thank Superintendent McDonald for getting donations so that we can get a new playground that is scheduled to be installed this summer by Elden volunteers! Thank you to the PTA as well for organizing a committee to get ready for this summer. We are very excited to be getting a new playground for the back of the building. Please consider joining the PTA. They sponsor several events for all of our students such as the Family Fun Night of BINGO we had this past month and other wonderful events such as Enrichment Day in March.

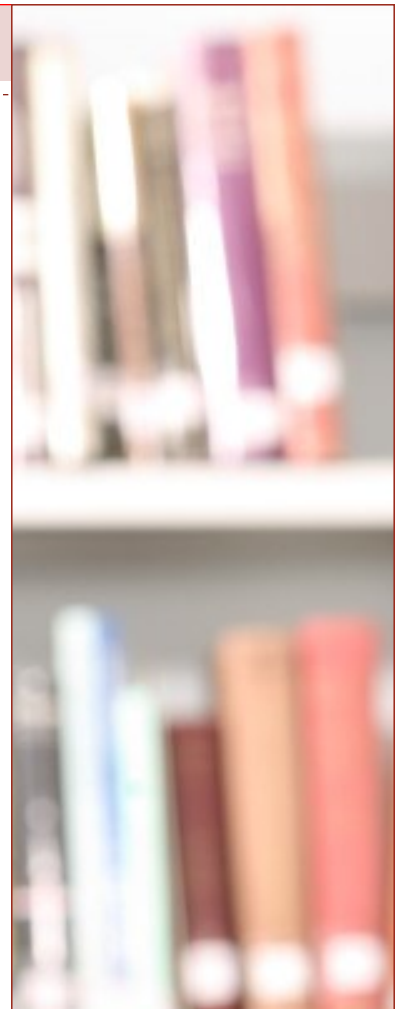
Please look over February calendar of events on the back of this newsletter for important information and dates. Also, please advise your child to come to the main office for a special treat from Mr. Coughlin when you have read this newsletter.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Thomas J. Coughlin*

Thomas J. Coughlin, Principal



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Yearbooks go on sale, February 4th!
- Crew sock drive until 2/15/19



## **3 BEES OF CHARACTER**

All of our Elden Eagles practice the 3 Bees:

Bee Respectful!

Bee Responsible!

Bee Safe!

- **The Positivity Project Character Strengths:**
- **Social Intelligence, Love and Enthusiasm**



## **From Deputy Kruger**

It has been a pleasure meeting all your children this past month. I have been visible in the hallways and in the cafeteria. I have enjoyed your PTA sponsored Family Fun Night of BINGO and the Riverknoll Community Event that took place in January. Also, I loved playing volleyball during intramurals after school and reading to individual classrooms as well as being a guest reader during PARP. If you ever have any questions, please let me know.

## **The Positivity Project (P2)**



Mike Erwin presented to the Elden students and staff in January. He is the president and co-founder of the Positivity Project. We were very honored to have him stop by and help us promote #OtherPeopleMatter. Each month, our teachers organize a monthly assembly to encourage the 24 character strengths that we have within all of us. This month, we will be reviewing social intelligence, Love and Enthusiasm. What do you think your top trait is?

## **Attendance Really Matters!**

Let's work towards perfect attendance. How much time has your child been absent from school? Have you received a letter from Mr. Coughlin regarding absences or tardiness? We would like to help.

Being late to school has this effect on our students:

-5 minutes late over 5 days = 25 minutes of lost instructional time in a week

-5 minutes late over 1 year = 15 hours of lost instructional time in a year or almost 3 days of school

If you double this to 10 minutes, then you will double the time for lost instruction.

Being absent from school has this effect on our students:

-1 day = 20% loss of instructional time in a week

-1 day a week = 22% loss of instructional time in a school year

What can we do to help you?

## **From Superintendent McDonald**

Superintendent. McDonald's next Coffee and Conversation will be February 28th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm 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.

### **Calendar of Events**

February 4: Last day for PARP; yearbooks go on sale today; Crew sock drive until 2/15/19

February 5: 4th grade NAEP assessment today; Snowshoeing intramurals and 3rd grade student council after school

February 6: 3-5 STEM club after school

February 7: K-2 Wellness club after school

February 8: Wear your pajamas to school for Pajamarama— students donate \$1 to benefit children with cancer

February 11: Ragtag Theater's Rapunzel at Baker HS for 2nd and 3rd graders; BOE Mtg at Durgee JHS, 7:00pm

February 12: 3rd grade student council after school

February 13: Jack Gramlich visits 3rd grade; 3-5 STEM club after school



February 14: Happy Valentine's Day!

February 15: Crew sock drive ends

February 18-22: Winter Break: No school for students and staff

February 26: 3rd grade student council after school

February 27: 3-5 STEM club after school

February 28: K-2 Wellness club after school; Science Fair, 6:30-7:30pm; Coffee and Conversation with Supt. McDonald at the public library, 7:00pm



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