



January 2019

Elden Elementary's Newsletter

From Mr. Coughlin

Dear Elden Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday recess with your children. We are so excited to see them next week. As a reminder, school resumes in the new year on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Here are a few highlights from December: the 4th and 5th grade chorus performed at the Syracuse Home and for the Board of Education at a BOE meeting; the 5th grade team sang at Silver Fox; we had our annual holiday concert featuring the Elden orchestra, band and chorus; the Baker High School mentor program was in full swing; our kindergartners invited their families in to make gingerbread houses; and we collected over \$1,000 in loose change to donate to needy families as well as nonperishable food items and unwrapped gifts for the Christmas Bureau.

Our next PTA meeting is Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00pm. The PTA sponsored Family Fun Night will be January 11th. This is a date change from January 25th. More information will be emailed home. Please check out the PTA's website at: <https://elden.ptboard.com/>.

Please look over the January calendar of events on the back of this newsletter for important information and dates. 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

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Principal



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- After school activities resume in January 2019!



3 BEES OF CHARACTER

All of our Elden Eagles practice the 3 Bees:

Bee Respectful!

Bee Responsible!

Bee Safe!

- **The Positivity Project Character Strengths:**
- **Perseverance, Hope, Prudence, and Supporting Others When They Struggle**

From Deputy Kruger

For a safer morning drop off, please remember it is a drop off. Parents should not be exiting their cars if they are in that lane. Once your child is safely on the sidewalk the parent needs to exit that lane to free up space for other children to be dropped off. Please do not remain in the drop off lane to assist in getting your child out of the car. If you need to exit your car, you must find a parking spot and walk them up to the sidewalk. If you have any questions, please let me or Mr. Coughlin know.

The Positivity Project (P2)

Students are nominated weekly based on the P2 character trait of the week. Those students are then rewarded with an ice cream treat with Mr. Coughlin and Mrs. Ancona. Make sure you are talking about P2 with your children because #OtherPeopleMatter.

Attendance Really Matters!

Let's work towards perfect attendance. Did you know how much instructional time is lost when your child is late or absent?

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

Please let us know how we can help!

From Superintendent McDonald

Superintendent. McDonald's next Coffee and Conversation will be January 17th 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

- January 2: Welcome back to school!!; Pee Wee Basketball after school
- January 7: BOE Mtg at Durgee JHS, 7:00pm
- January 8: 3rd Grade Student Council and Volleyball Intramurals after school; PTA Mtg in APR, 7:00pm
- January 9: STEM Club (3-5) and Pee Wee Basketball after school
- January 10: PARP/P2 Kick-off Assembly
- January 15: 3rd Grade Student Council and Volleyball Intramurals after school
- January 16: STEM Club (3-5) and Pee Wee Basketball after school
- January 17: Wellness Club (K-2) after school; Coffee and Conversation with Supt. McDonald at Public Library, 7:00pm
- January 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, no school for students and staff
- January 22: 3rd Grade Student Council and Volleyball Intramurals after school
- January 23: STEM Club (3-5) and Pee Wee Basketball after school
- January 24: Wellness Club (K-2) after school
- January 25: End of marking period 2
- January 28: BOE Mtg at Durgee JHS, 7:00pm
- January 29: 3rd Grade Student Council and Snowshoeing Intramurals after school
- January 30: STEM Club (3-5) and Pee Wee Basketball after school
- January 31: Wellness Club (K-2) after school



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