



March 2019

## Elden Elementary's Newsletter

### **From Mr. Coughlin**

Dear Elden Families,

February may have been a short month, but we certainly had a lot going on. Some of the highlights were: Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student council collection of the crew sock drive to donate to the homeless through "My Father's Kitchen;" the student council and principal's council teamed up to promote Paige's Pajamarama and raised \$620.00 to support local children fighting cancer; our first grade team collected non-perishable food items to donate the Baldwinsville Food Pantry; PARP concluded in February with the theme: #OtherPeopleMatter; Casey Vanderstouw visited with the Baker and Durgee Pep Band to promote the P2 character trait, Love, among others; BESPAs promoted Read Across America and we celebrated reading and Dr. Seuss' birthday; our 4<sup>th</sup> annual science fair; and our wellness, student council, and STEM clubs as well as intramurals after school continued to be well attended and a huge success.

For the month of March, we have our upcoming concerts including 5<sup>th</sup> grade band on March 12<sup>th</sup>; orchestra on March 18<sup>th</sup> and chorus on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade chess club starts this month on Mondays. Kindergarten registration is March 14<sup>th</sup> and Get Ready for Kindergarten session one is Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The PTA is sponsoring Enrichment Day on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. More info will be coming out soon. Thank you to the PTA for everything. Check out their website at: <https://elden.ptboard.com/>.

Please check out the newsletter that will be emailed during the week of March 4<sup>th</sup> for other upcoming important dates and information.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Thomas J. Coughlin*

Thomas J. Coughlin, Principal



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Yearbook sale ends March 8th!
- Spring concert season is upon us.



## 3 BEES OF CHARACTER

All of our Elden Eagles practice the 3 Bees:

Bee Respectful!

Bee Responsible!

Bee Safe!

### **The Positivity Project Character Strengths:**

- **Love of Learning, Forgiveness, Fairness and Humor**



## From Deputy Kruger

I helped celebrate reading and Dr. Seuss' birthday this past month by being a mystery reader for Read Across America. Also, I presented at the after school wellness club. I talked to students about emergencies, shared some neighborhood safety tips and taught them how to make sure they wear their bicycle helmets correctly.

## The Positivity Project (P2)



Casy Vanderstouw from Baker brought over the Baker and Durgee Pep Band. They helped us promote the Positivity Project with an emphasis on 'Love.' This was an annual treat for the staff and students. It was awesome that that connected P2 to this tradition. We will be cheering others' success and reviewing love of learning, forgiveness, fairness and humor. What do you think your top trait is?

## Attendance Really Matters!

Each month, we have included the message on attendance. We would like to help because every minute of instruction adds up.

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 what can we do to help you? Please have your child(ren) report to the main office after you have read this newsletter for a special treat from Mr. Coughlin

## From Superintendent McDonald

Superintendent McDonald's next Coffee and Conversation will be March 21st 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

March 4:	4th and 5th Grade Chess Club begins today after school; BOE Mtg at Durgee at 7:00pm	
March 5:	3rd Grade St. Council after school	
March 7:	K-2 Wellness club after school	
March 8:	Yearbook sales end today	
March 9:	Spring forward with changing the clocks for daylight savings	
March 11:	4th and 5th Grade Chess Club after school; 5th Grade All District Band rehearsal, 6:30pm	
March 12:	3rd grade student council after school; All District Band Concert Gr. 5/6, 7:00pm; PTA Mtg, 7:00pm	
March 13:	K-2 STEM Club after school	
March 14:	1/2 day of school with dismissal at 11:15am; K registration, 1-3:00pm & 6-7:30pm	
March 15:	Superintendent's Conference Day; no school for students	
March 17:	Happy St. Patrick's Day!	
March 18:	Mrs. Arlukiewicz's FT to Hospital Land; 4th and 5th Grade Chess Club after school; All District Orchestra Concert 7:00pm; BOE Mtg at Durgee, 7:00pm	
March 19:	Mrs. Lohr's FT to Hospital Land; 3rd Grade St. Council after school; All District Choral Rehearsal, 6:30pm	
March 20:	Mrs. Elliott's FT to Hospital Land; K-2 STEM Club after school; Spring begins in the evening; Riverknoll Comm. Event, 6:15pm	
March 21:	Mrs. Dwyer's FT to Hospital Land; K-2 Wellness Club after school; All District Choral Concert, 6:45pm; Coffee and Conversation with Supt. McDonald at the public library, 7:00pm	
March 22:	Author Grace Lin visits Elden	
March 25:	4th and 5th Grade Chess Club after school	
March 26:	Girls on the Run begins today; Get Ready for Kindergarten session one, 6:00pm	
March 27:	K-2 STEM Club after school	
March 28:	K-2 Wellness Club and Girls on the Run after school	
March 30:	Enrichment Day	

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