Spring is Around the Corner!

Dear Elden Families,

Wow, before we know it, it will be summer 2020! Each month seems to go by a little faster than the month before. I know we had short month last month, but it certainly flew by. Here are some highlights from February:

-The Elden 3rd grade student council and principal’s council organized a whacky hat day to raise money for the animals in Australia. As you have seen on the news, the fires destroyed much of the natural habitat this past year. We raised $384.23.

-Mrs.Kotz’s 2nd grade homeroom won the golden table award for demonstrating the 3 Bees!

-We held our annual science fair. Our students did a wonderful job explaining their experiments and making conclusions.

The first week in March will begin Read Across America. This is another one of my favorite series of events that takes place at Elden Elementary School. Thank you to our Baldwinsville Educational Support Professional Association (BESPA) staff for organizing this annual event. We begin the weeklong reading events with Monday, March 2nd in honor of Dr. Seuss’s birthday. We will create a school-wide reading train and students will drop everything and read at 10:00am. We are encouraging students to wear something red, white and blue OR wear something with a fish on it. Please see the reading flier attached regarding the daily events.

Enrichment day is Saturday, March 28, 2020. We are in need of presenters. Please consider volunteering for enrichment day at Elden. As you know, many events like this are sponsored by our PTA. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:00pm in the APR. We will be discussing upcoming events including enrichment day. Check out the PTA website at https://elden.ptboard.com.

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As you know from a previous email, during the month of February, the Elden staff taught our students the benefits of an appropriate greeting. We modeled this with demonstration videos on the life skill and professional skill of how to greet someone using the appropriate words and eye contact. We held a "Show What You Know" Day where the Elden staff wrote tallies of how many appropriate greetings they received. We were very impressed with the abundance of appropriate greetings that were initiated by students or were responded by students. This event was just one piece of how we are showing our students how life skills will turn into professional skills as they prepare for their future careers.

Please check out the last page of this newsletter for other important dates and reminders. As always, if you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Coughlin
Mr. Coughlin
Principal

From Our Bus Drivers:

If you could please remind your children to be at their bus stops at least five minutes prior to their morning pick-up time. Many drivers have noted that students are running out from their homes right as the bus is coming. This can be an unsafe atmosphere so if you could please have your children at their bus stop prior to the bus driving down the street, we’d appreciate that.

From Our Health Office:

Mrs. Davis, our school nurse, has included a fact sheet on head lice. Please check it out to detect it, prevent it and treat it.

Attendance Really Matters:

For several months now, I have included information about attendance. We have sent you a letter when your child has been absent or tardy in the past. These letters are sent home even if there were legal excuses. We do this to demonstrate the number of absences and/or tardies. Excused absences are when a child is sick, has a doctor appointment, attends a funeral, or has a lawyer and/or court appointment. Vacations and missing the bus are not legal excuses; however, we appreciate you letting us know when that happens. If you have any questions, please let me know.

The Positivity Project and the 3 Bees:

During the month of March, we will celebrate the character strengths of Social Intelligence, Love of Learning, Fairness, and Humor. With regard to the 3 Bees, we will continue to identify students who consistently show how to Bee Respectful, Bee Responsible and Bee Safe.

Morning Arrival:

Just a quick reminder that if you need to drop off your child in the morning, please remember that you need to park your car if your child needs to be escorted to the door. Please do not stop and get out of your car in the drop off lane. This creates an unsafe drop off for students.
Calendar of Events:

March is national reading month, social worker month and women’s history month!

March 2: Read Across America Begins! Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! 3rd Grade Student Council after school; BOE Mtg at Durgee, 7:00pm
March 3: PTA Mtg in APR, 7:00pm
March 4: 5th Grade Welcome to Ray Orchestra Night at Ray, 6:30pm
March 5: Gr. 2/3 Wellness club, after school
March 9: 3rd Grade Student Council and 4th and 5th Grade Chess Club, after school
March 10: Grade K and 1 STEM, after school
March 11: Grade 2 and 3 Wellness Club, after school
March 12: ½ Day of School for students with dismissal at 11:15am. Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place in the afternoon - These are scheduled ahead of time by individual classroom teachers. Also, kindergarten registration will take place from 1:00-3:00pm and 6:00-7:30pm at Elden
March 13: No School for Students due to Superintendent’s Conference Day for staff
March 16: 3rd Grade Student Council and 4th and 5th Grade Chess Club, after school; BOE Mtg at Durgee at 7:00pm
March 17: Happy St. Patrick’s Day Girls on the Run and Grade K and 1 STEM club, after school; All District Choral Rehearsal at Baker, 6:30pm
March 18: 5th Grade Parent Informational MUD Mtg in APR, 6:00pm
March 19: Girls on the Run, after school; All District Choral Concert at Baker, 6:30pm
March 23: 3rd Grade Student Council and 4th and 5th Grade Chess Club, after school
March 24: NYS ELA Grade 5 test; Girls on the Run and Grade K and 1 STEM club, after school
March 25: NYS ELA Grade 5 test; Grade 2 and 3 Wellness Club, after school
March 26: NYS ELA Grade 4 test: Girls on the Run, after school
March 27: NYS ELA Grade 4 test
March 28: Enrichment Day at Elden (Exact times TBD based on volunteer sign-ups)
March 30: NYS ELA Grade 3 test; 3rd Grade Student Council and 4th and 5th Grade Chess Club, after school
March 31: NYS ELA Grade 3 test; Girls on the Run and Grade K and 1 STEM club, after school

Attention 5th Grade Families: Please email Mr. Coughlin at tcoughlin@bville.org if you would like to join the 5th Grade Moving Up Day Committee. We will be meeting on March 18th at Elden in the APR at 6:00pm!