



## Mrs. Ness' Notes

April 16, 2024

**Enrollment:** 517 students + 10 Shared Time students

K-88, 1st-94, 2nd-81, 3<sup>rd</sup>-90, 4<sup>th</sup>-80, 5<sup>th</sup>-84

**Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-10:** Please take a moment and write a note of appreciation to your child's teacher during this week. Thank you!

**School Nurse Appreciation Day:** Wednesday, May 8th is School Nurse Appreciation Day. Thank you to Elm Creek RN, Terri Cohn, and Elm Creek site RN, Ashley Reed, for your excellent care of our students.

**Investment in Youth Awards:** Congratulations to fifth grade student, Elijah B., and to Elm Creek PTO Board, Katie Lauseng, Kathleen Petersen, Renae Osorio, and Marisa Herbert, for being awarded the Investment in Youth recognition. Elijah will be recognized in the area of "Significant Investment in Their Own Learning" and the PTO Board will be recognized for "Significant Investment in Helping the Community." The Investment in Youth Celebration will be on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Park Center Senior High School. All are welcome!

**Elm Creek Annual Family BBQ:** Please set aside **Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**, for our 8th annual all school barbeque. You are invited to come to our all-school BBQ lunch. More information to come. I hope to see you there!

**Coffee with the Principal:** I like to connect with families in several ways to gather feedback and be available to answer questions. One way is through *Coffee with the principal*. The last coffee with the principal for this school year will be **Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.** at Annabelle House Coffee Shop in Osseo.

**VOLUNTEERS**—We have 306 active volunteers as of the beginning of April, and they have logged **3,547 hours** so far this school year!

April is Volunteer Appreciation month, and we just want to say THANK YOU to all of our volunteers! There are keychains for you in the office next to the sign-in kiosk. If you are in the building this month, please take one and know that you are so very appreciated.

**Student Council:** The Student Council is in the middle of doing our last service project for the year. We are collecting stuffed animals and fleece for Chloe Bear. The fleece will be made into blankets and donated along with the bears to Children's hospital. We have Red, White, and Blue Spirit Day this Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Birthday Lunches:** One day towards the end of each month, a table is decorated in the lunchroom. Students who have their birthday during that month can have lunch with the principal and will get ice cream. Our April birthday table is on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

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**Kindergarten News:** Kindergarten is looking forward to our first field trip on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> to Eastman Nature Center! We are also excited for that day because our chick eggs will arrive! We will incubate eggs and then watch baby chicks hatch around mid-May. Mrs. Magnuson is doing Chicken Research with each class ending with an adorable video of the kids reading their chicken facts and showing the pictures they drew to go with the facts. Thank you, Mrs. Magnuson! It is also a fun time of the year watching kindergarten skills all come together. All of the students have learned so much!

**No School:** Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> is a licensed staff workshop day. There will be no school for students.

**Library News:**

- We have an author visit on April 26, thanks to the PTO! Matt Eicheldinger, author of Matt Sprouts and the Curse of the Ten Broken Toes will be here to talk about being an author, publishing a book and perseverance. We will not be selling books, but it is available through Amazon.
- Our new “adopt a bookshelf” program has been very successful. Students can adopt a shelf that they maintain, keeping books in order, filling displays etc. They are doing a great job, even stopping in with a pass to check their shelf.
- Kindergarteners are finishing their chicken research and are making their own eBook about the things they learned.

**Dates to Remember:**

April 17<sup>th</sup>: Chick eggs arrive in Kindergarten and Center-Based classrooms.

April 17<sup>th</sup>: Kindergarten Field Trip to Eastman Nature Center

April 18<sup>th</sup>: Student Council Red, White, and Blue, Spirit Day

April 19<sup>th</sup>: Asynchronous Learning Day

April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Brass Quartet assemblies for K-2 and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Kindergarten Orientation for 2024-25 school year, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>: MCA State Math test for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

April 24<sup>th</sup>: Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day (Staci Jones and Sandy Lindberg)

April 26<sup>th</sup>: Author Visit, Matt Eicheldinger

April 27<sup>th</sup>: 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Osseo Area Schools Powwow, Osseo Middle School, 1-6 p.m.

April 29<sup>th</sup>: April Birthday lunches

April 30<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert, Osseo Middle School, 8 p.m.

April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup>: MCA State Science test for 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>: Scholastic Book Fair BOGO

May 3<sup>rd</sup>: School Lunch Hero Day, show appreciation for our Food Service staff.

May 6<sup>th</sup>: No School for students, Licensed staff Workshop Day

May 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>: PTO Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

May 8<sup>th</sup>: School Nurse Appreciation Day

May 9<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Concert, Osseo Middle School, 8 p.m.

May 10<sup>th</sup>: PTO Carnival, 6-8 p.m.

May 13<sup>th</sup>: Coffee with the principal, 9:30 a.m., Annabelle House Coffee Shop in Osseo

May 14<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra Concert for Elm Creek students

May 14<sup>th</sup>: PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

May 15<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> grade field trip to Eastman Nature Center

May 15<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to University of Minnesota for Energy presentation

May 16<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> grade Band Concert for Elm Creek students

May 17<sup>th</sup>: K-5 Assembly, Images of the World program

May 17<sup>th</sup>: Student Council Spirit Day: Beach Day

May 21<sup>st</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Minnesota History Center

May 22<sup>nd</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip to Eastman Nature Center

May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Kindergarten field trip to Oliver Kelley Farm

May 24<sup>th</sup>: Fishing Club field trip

May 24<sup>th</sup>: Last day of Band/Orchestra lessons for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

May 27<sup>th</sup>: No School, Memorial Day

May 28<sup>th</sup>: School Newspaper for sale, 25 cents

May 28<sup>th</sup>-June 4<sup>th</sup>: Elm Creek Camp Baldwin

May 29<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Field Day

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May 30<sup>th</sup>: K-2<sup>nd</sup> Field Day

May 30<sup>th</sup>: Annual Family BBQ

May 30<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Dazzling Dave

May 31<sup>st</sup>: May Birthday Lunches

June 3<sup>rd</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Handprints on the rock, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>: June Birthday Lunches

June 4<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Eastman Nature Center & Elm Creek Park Reserve

June 4<sup>th</sup>: July Birthday Lunches

June 5<sup>th</sup>: August Birthday Lunches

June 5<sup>th</sup>: Seniors walk the hallways

June 6<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> grade field trip to Elm Creek Park Reserve

June 6<sup>th</sup>: Last day of school

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