

## OFFICE REMINDERS

- If your child comes home with out the coat, hat, or mittens that wore to school, most likely these items are in your child's locker or in the **Lost & Found** located outside of the office. Please make sure to label your child's winter gear so that it is easier to identify and to return to your child.

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## Mrs. Fisher's Notes

The Principal Challenge is part of Pizza Hut BOOK IT! Program's National Young Readers Week celebration November 10-14 that is an annual event co-founded by Pizza Hut and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. One lucky elementary school principal will win 101 copies for their library of the ninth book in the Wimpy Kid series, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul* which releases on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Jeff Kinney, author of the *Wimpy Kid* books, will personally autograph one of the books for the principal who read their heart out.

There was a vote to see where the students wanted to have us read for the day. Their choices were cafeteria, lobby, playground or roof. The "roof" had 77% of the votes. The students were also able to suggest books for Mrs. Fisher and Mr. Kitslaar read.

Principals, Mrs. Fisher and Mr. Kitslaar read on Jackson Elementary School's roof for the day on Friday, November 14. We were able to video us reading books so that students could watch and listen in our warm school. Happy reading!

Please check out the latest pictures and videos on our facebook page. Students are loving Project Lead The Way (PLTW), which is the nation's leading science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) solution in over 6,500 schools across the U.S.

Here is the link (<http://hscu.be/e/373946>) to watch the Veteran's Day program we had this week. It was terrific.

Hope you have a wonderful weekend!

## Community Survey

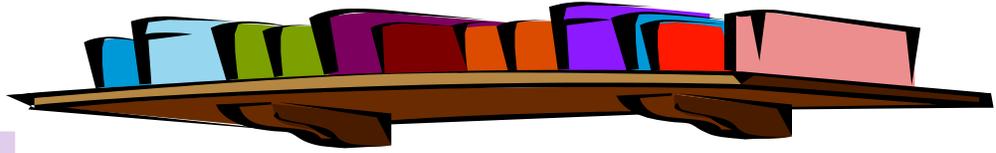
Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Facility Advisory Committee, made up of sixteen community members, have reviewed and helped identified the facility needs of the school district. We are now at a point where a survey is being sent to all households within the district boundaries to help us identify what are top priorities for the community. As a household of a student you will also receive an email with a link to the survey. Please feel free to complete both the hard copy you receive in the mail and the electronic versions sent via email. This will allow both parents and/or guardians to complete a survey. Please look for the surveys, and take the time to carefully consider the questions. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jason Tadlock  
District Administrator

# The Librarian's Bookshelf



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## A BIG Thank You To:

- Mr. Magnus for maintaining the fish tank in the library.

**Overdue Books:** Some students did not return their books from last school year. I have sent notices home with the students to whom this applies. Please either return the books, or pay the replacement fee so I am able to order another copy for all students to enjoy.

**Plastic Bag:** Please keep all library materials in a plastic bag in your child's backpack, so books do not become damaged.

**Destiny:** Parents can search Jackson Library books from home with Internet access. The link to Destiny can be found in several spots—Jackson's home page and my website's homepage. Click on Destiny Card Catalog and then choose Jackson Elementary School. With Destiny, other safe websites can be located when doing research using WebPath Express. Students in third, fourth, and fifth grade are able to create a booklist and put books on hold that are checked out using their school login information.

**Battle Of the Books (BOB):** More information about this program will be given out in late November or early December.

**Volunteers:** If you are able to help in the LMC for any time during the week, please contact me.

Happy Reading!

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## Holiday Program—Mark Your Calendar



**11th Annual Jackson Elementary Holiday Program**  
**Friday, December 5, 2014**  
**9:30 AM and 1:30 PM**

Also, visit the Jackson Music website for more information:  
<https://sites.google.com/a/elkhorn.k12.wi.us/jackson-music/>

## November GATE News

**Southern Lakes Anthology:** Students in grades 3-5 are in the beginning stages of planning their Anthology pieces. Students may submit prose, poetry, art, cartoon, or illustrated writing, all centering on the theme of "EXPRESSIONS!" Three to five pieces will be chosen from each classroom and move on to the district judging in December. A total of 24 pieces (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) will be selected district-wide to be submitted for the Southern Lakes Anthology competition. Final selections will be made in January. Selected pieces will be published in the Southern Lakes Anthology. The students will be honored at a ceremony in May at the Irving Young Auditorium at U.W. Whitewater. Good luck to all!

**Geography Bee:** Attention 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders! The Geography Bee will be coming to your school in December. Preliminary activities will be held in your child's homeroom with questions focusing on United States Geography, Our Continents, National and International Cities, as well as Cultural Geography. Students who do well in the preliminary classroom activities will move on to the semi-final round which will consist of a written activity. Then, 10 – 12 high scoring finalists will compete in the school's final competition.

We encourage your child to get ready for some exciting competition as he or she learn and explore the world of geography! For daily quiz activities, check out the National Geography Bee Site: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/quiz/today/>

**Epsilon Summer Camp:** Application season for Epsilon Camp, a nonprofit academic summer program in mathematics for exceptionally gifted children who love mathematics and who will be from eight to eleven years old in August 2015 will be announced November 15. Epsilon Camp, directed by Dr. George Thomas, founder of Mathpath and Canada/USA Mathcamp, is an intellectually rigorous program for young students, taught by university professors of mathematics. The student program is combined with a parent workshop program designed to help parents succeed in nurturing mathematical and social growth in their exceptionally gifted children and plan their educations. The Epsilon Camp will include returning students from 2012, 2013, 2014, and new students from around the world, with challenging courses for all. A unique feature of Epsilon Camp is apartment-style housing on campus for each family; at least one parent must attend with each child. Additional family members are also welcome to stay on campus and to meet other families. Alumni of Epsilon Camp have enjoyed deeper understanding of advanced mathematics and friendships with families who share their interests. For more information, including eligibility requirements and how to apply for this popular and space-limited camp, please visit the Epsilon Camp website. Remember, the venue and application season will be announced November 15. <http://www.epsiloncamp.org/>

**Mark Your Calendars:** The Creativity Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2015. All three elementary schools will once again be gathering at the Elkhorn Area Middle School. Students and families will have a chance to see the projects from students at the other elementary schools as well as enjoy some terrific family entertainment. The Tibbets' School Choir will be performing for us!

**Milwaukee Art Museum:** The Milwaukee Art Museum offers a rich variety of programs and resources designed for preschool through high school students and teachers. Become a work of art, build a futuristic bridge, make art with the whole family, explore the museum with our self-guided art packs or discover art through the education gallery and studio classes. For further information contact the Milwaukee Art Museum at 414-224-3200 or [www.mam.org](http://www.mam.org)

**WATG:** The Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted offers a variety of resources and ideas to support parents who are raising gifted children. This state level, non-profit organization has a website found at: [www.watg.org](http://www.watg.org). When you join the WATG organization, you will have access to newsletters and upcoming conferences. The website can assist you with questions, enrollment, and resources.

**Wisconsin Center for Gifted Learners:** The Wisconsin Center for Gifted Learners develops and provides programs and guidance for gifted learners, their families, and teachers to support the social/cognitive and educational development of children who love to learn and whose exceptional intellectual abilities require special services. The Center understands that gifted learners require like-level peer interaction in order to develop social skills, leadership abilities, and self-acceptance. WCGL programs are based on an amalgamation of theory and research, and curriculum is designed by Center Staff to address the unique needs of gifted learners. Please contact The Wisconsin Center for Gifted Learners at (414) 351-4441 or visit <http://www.thewcgl.org/> for more information.

**Illinois Association of Gifted and Talented (IAGC):** The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual IAGC Convention will be held February 8-10, 2015 at the Chicago Marriott Naperville. The conference will offer a variety of sessions on Monday and Tuesday. There are quarter-day sessions organized around the following strands: program development, specific subject areas, social and emotional issues, parents, and diverse gifted populations. In addition, check Sunday's schedule for special parent and educator workshops in the afternoon, as well as a Sunday evening session. Registration is limited to the first 1200 attendees per day. Register by December, 2014 to save money! To register, please visit the website at [www.iagcgifted.org](http://www.iagcgifted.org).

# School Guidance

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## Groups:

As part of our developmental guidance program, Jackson Elementary provides students with Friendship (grades K-5) and Changing Families (grades 1-5) groups. Groups have started, but if you and your family experiences a change, or if you feel that your child would benefit from participating in a friendship group, please contact Ms. Upite. Friendship groups run for approximately eight weeks with “check up” meetings. Changing Family groups are ongoing during the school year.

## Individual Counseling:

In addition to classroom and group counseling services, students may also participate in short-term individual counseling. The purpose of these meetings is to help students enhance his/her school performance and/or social skills. If you feel that your child may benefit from one-on-one contact with the counselor, please contact Ms. Upite.

## Fifth Grade Individual Learning Plan Conferences:

Fifth grade students will be receiving information about the upcoming Individual Learning Planning Conferences (ILPCs). All students in fifth grade will be participating in conferences with their parents/guardians and the counselor to talk about student career folders, learning styles and the transition to Elkhorn Area Middle School. Conferences will be scheduled in December and will start at the end of January. If you do not receive a copy of the information, please contact Ms. Upite.

If you have any questions about guidance, please contact Ms. Upite at 723-1200 ext 1207.

THANK YOU!

# Workshops for Families

Children & Adolescents with Mental Health needs often struggle at school, at home, and in the community. There are interventions that can help address these needs and things that you can do.

Watch for future Workshops on the Second Monday of the month at 4:00 PM

- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder—January 12th, 2015
- Anxiety Disorders—February 9th, 2015

## Location:

Walworth County DHHS Auditorium  
W4051 County Road NN,  
Elkhorn, WI 53121

Workshops are FREE

To reserve your spot, contact Mahin Para-Cremer at 262-741-3200 or at [mpara-cremer@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:mpara-cremer@co.walworth.wi.us)

*Elkhorn Area School District  
would like to invite you to a  
demonstration of on-line resources  
for My Math for Parents.*

Sue Chrisinger, representative of McGraw-Hill, will demonstrate for parents how to use the on-line resources for My Math.

**Tuesday, November 18th, 2014**

**6-7 p.m.**

**Elkhorn Area Middle School Cafeteria**

Please bring your child's Chromebook along with his or her:

- **Chromebook Google Account**

**Username:**

*(first 5 letters of last name,  
first 3 letters first name, 3 numbers)  
@students.elkhorn.k12.wi.us*

**Password:**

\_\_\_\_\_ *(Ask your child.)*

- **My Math Username:**

*(first name, last initial, 3 numbers)*

**Password:**

*same as for Chromebook*



Your children are  
welcome to  
accompany you.

**If you have any questions, please contact:**

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**EASD Parent Connections Programs/www.elkhorn.k12.wi.us**  
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## Story Time Programming

Reading is always at the heart of "Parent Connections" programming. These programs incorporate stories, rhymes, music, and discoveries. Join Miss Pattie at the Matheson Memorial Library for the following programs:

### Books 'n' Babies

Thursdays - 10:00 a.m.  
 For children 0 - 18 months  
 and their caregivers.  
**Dates Nov 6, 13, 20**

### Tiny Tots

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays - 6:30p.m.  
 For children 0 - 5 years and  
 their caregivers.  
**Dates Nov 10**

### Toddlers 'n' Books

Tuesdays - 10:00 or 11:00 a.m.  
 For children 0 - 5 and their  
 caregivers.  
**Dates Nov 4, 11, 18**

## Ongoing Programming

You will find many weekly and monthly opportunities for you and your children to participate in games and activities. Programs titles in **red** are at the library; titles in **green** are at Sunset Park/Elkhorn Park & Rec.

### We Explore SCIENCE!

This program is part of the "we explore" series that offers Friday programs for parents with children 5 and younger. Each month, we explore a new topic with a science theme. Join us from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Community room to explore:  
**Nov 21**

### Miss Pattie's CAFÉ (Coffee And Fun - Every time!)

Come to the Children's Room at Matheson Memorial Library to play, receive child development and resource information, and discuss child and parent topics from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on the following dates:  
**Nov 3**

### Family Game Night

Join us for an evening of board games, Wii games and more! Games will be geared towards 2-5 year-olds but bring the whole family to Matheson Memorial Library Children's Room.  
**Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**Dates: Nov 13**

### Be Active!!

**10:00-11:00 a.m.**  
**Elkhorn Park & Recreation Center**  
**200 Devendorf St. Elkhorn**

Join us for an hour of games and activities designed for you and your 1-5 year old. Come ready to run, jump, and be active! There is no preregistration and no charge to attend.  
**Dates: Nov 12**

### Moms with Multiples

Everything is more fun with two or three! Come meet with Miss Pattie to discuss your joys of raising multiples!  
**Time: 10:00 a.m.**  
**Dates: Nov 10**

### Playgroup with Pattie

Come spend some time playing with old friends and new.  
**Time: 10:00 a.m.**  
**Dates: Nov 17**

## Save the Date!

Cookies in December  
 12/16/14 at 10:30 a.m.

Valentine Party  
 2/7/15 at 10:30 a.m.



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*Check out Jackson Elementary's status on  
Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!*

### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 14 Report Cards Sent Home
- 14 National Young Readers Week Principals' Challenge
- 14 Science Family Fun Night 6-8 PM
- 15 Market Day Pick Up 10-11 AM
- 21 4K Swim Night
- 24 School Board Meeting 6 PM
- 26-28 No School—Happy Thanksgiving!

### DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 Picture Retakes
- 5 Holiday Program, 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM
- 8 School Board Meeting 6 PM
- 9 PTA Meeting 6 PM
- 13 Market Day Pick Up 10-11 AM
- 15 Site Team Meeting 6 PM
- 22–31 & January 1-2 No School Winter Break

### JANUARY CALENDAR

- 5 School Resumes



## *Ride the Wave—A Purple & Gold Fund Event*

Here's a SHOUT-OUT to all EAHS Alumni! Help new graduates obtain success by supporting the P & G Fundraiser.

RESERVE YOUR CLASS table or tables now for the  
April 18, 2015 event - *Ride the Wave*  
at the Evergreen Golf Club!

There will be a *Class vs Class* contest, appetizers, dinner, great entertainment, an assortment of items to bid on, and much more! Get your Alumni table together now!

For more information, contact us at your convenience through any of these 3 methods:

1. Send a request through Jackson's Facebook page.
2. Email: [purpleandgoldfund@gmail.com](mailto:purpleandgoldfund@gmail.com)
3. Call: 642.5746 OR 723.2345

Kowabunga dude!  
Purple & Gold Fund Committee