

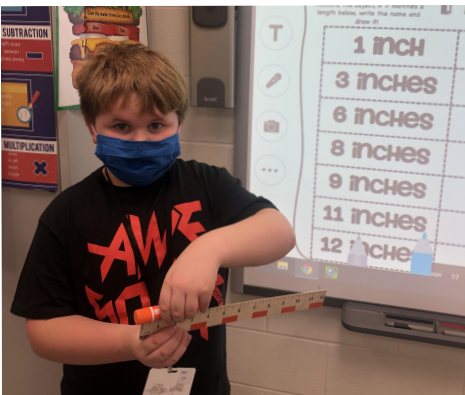


# Elmwood Elementary

## December 2020 Update

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Welcome to winter! Thank you for your continued work to keep our students safe and learning. While other schools around the county have had to switch to full remote-learning, we have been able to keep our doors open due to everyone's efforts. We have had a couple of situations where we were close to having to close, but the teachers, staff, and I were able to keep everyone learning. We are now in uncharted waters regarding the weeks in-between Thanksgiving and winter break. Please continue to have a plan in place if we would have to switch to full remote. I appreciate everyone's understanding of the fluid situation we are in. Looking ahead to our holiday season, we will not be able to facilitate the same experiences in past years, but our teachers have thought of fun ideas to make learning fun and festive for our students. I wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season! Thank you for keeping our students safe, healthy, and learning. - Mr. Almasi



### Reporting Absences

#### Contact the office

Great job keeping students healthy! If your student is absent from school, please contact Mrs. Hall via email, [dhall@elmwood322.com](mailto:dhall@elmwood322.com) or phone.

### Accelerated Reader

#### Keep Reading!

2nd - 6th grade classes will be having their first semester AR goal parties this month. Each grade-level is coordinating specific activities aligned with COVID-19 protocols.

### Outside Recess

#### Dress for the weather

We will have outdoor recess as often as the weather permits. Please dress for the winter weather. If your student needs a winter coat, please let our office know.



### Holiday Concerts

#### Going Virtual!

Due to COVID-19, our holiday concerts will be virtual! Mrs. Buchanan and Mr. Pratt will be providing further information regarding dates, but we will be streaming the concerts on our YouTube Channel.

### Substitute Positions

#### All Hands on Deck

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a substitute teacher, maintenance personnel, kitchen personnel, or bus driver, please contact our office.

### Dress-Up Days

#### Friday Fun

December 4th: Disney/Cartoon Dress-up  
December 11th: Holiday Dress-up  
December 18th: Ugly Sweater Dress-up



### Blended Learning

#### Thank you!

With the cold and flu season upon us, many students have needed to transition back and forth from in-person to remote instruction due to health symptoms. Please continue to follow the teachers' weekly learning boards for live google meet instructional times and information. For remote attendance, please sign into TeacherEase and click the "e-learning check-in." We appreciate everyone supporting our students both in-person and remotely!





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Our annual Stuff-A-Bus food drive, which benefits area families in need, will look slightly different due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To limit the number of cans/items handled by everyone, we will be accepting monetary donations and buying the food in bulk!

We will be raising money as a school, and donations will be taken in the morning as students come into school. Thank you for helping our community!



## Important Dates

- December 18th - Last day of 2nd Quarter
- December 19th to January 3rd - No School (Winter Break)
- January 4th - No School (Teacher Institute)
- January 5th - First day back with students

## Classroom Holiday Parties

Due to COVID-19 protocols, we are sad to say that family members will not be allowed to join our classroom holiday parties. Classroom teachers will communicate out specific information, but all snacks/drinks must be individually wrapped. We appreciate everyone's efforts to make the holiday season fun and COVID-19 safe for our students!

