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The "Knighly" News

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR ELEMENTARY PARENTS AND STUDENTS
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School begins at 8:15 a.m. – School is dismissed at 3:30 p.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Oct. 18 -** End of 1st Quarter
- Oct. 19 -** No School – Fall Break
- Oct. 22 -** Beginning of 2nd Quarter
- Oct. 22-26 –** Red Ribbon Week – Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week
- Oct. 25 -** Kids on the Block anti-bullying presentation
- Oct. 26 –** Report Cards go home. Fall Festival from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- Oct. 29 -** Chinese Acrobat Assembly at 1:15 p.m. in the gym.
- Nov. 2 -** No School – teacher in-service
- Nov. 5 -** Family Reading from 6:00-7:30 p.m. More information to follow.

ORDER YOUR ELMWOOD-MURDOCK KNIGHTS CLOTHING

Support your school team by purchasing Elmwood-Murdock Knights apparel. Choose from short sleeve and long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts, athletic pants and basketball shorts. The clothing order is being sponsored by the Elmwood Murdock S.O.S.. All profits will be used to support elementary programs including the elementary art program, bringing in guest speakers, and the elementary science fair. Orders will be taken online through October 31 and clothing items will arrive just in time for holiday gift giving!

Order online at <http://eFlyerOrder.com/EMSOS>

JOIN US FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 26TH

The Fall Festival will be Friday, October 26 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Elementary School. Please plan to join the fun! There will be a kid's costume contest and costume parade, activities and games, trick or treating in the classrooms, and great food. This year, SOS will sponsor a food stand for the evening event. You can choose from a sloppy joe or hot dog meal for \$3 each, and there will also be apple cider (\$.50) and Amy's Amazing Apples (homemade caramel apples) (\$2.50) for sale.

We are in need of volunteers to make this event a success. We are looking for volunteers to help with the games and activities. If you can't donate your time, we are also in need of donations of candy, prizes like pencils and small toys, and decorated cupcakes for the cupcake walk. Please bring candy and prizes to the elementary school, and contact Karey Koehn at kareykoehn@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer to help with the games, activities, or volunteer to bring decorated cupcakes.

We also need 7 workers for the concession /clean up. We also need 30 pounds of cooked and unseasoned hamburger. We would like to have 6 people donate 5 pounds or 3 people donate 10 pounds. Please contact Erin at erin@ballinsurance.biz or text Erin at (402)540-4948 if you would like to help with the concessions or would like to donate the hamburger.

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VOLLEYBALL SHIRTS ON SALE

2012 EM Volleyball T-shirts on sale now for \$15, sizes available YM-2XL (No YL available). Contact Coach Justus for more information.

BAKERS CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

2012 4th Grade Bakers Chocolate Fundraising has begun. A variety of flavors available in one pound bags for \$9.00. All proceeds go towards additional 4th grade learning adventures. Contact any 4th grade student, Mrs. Justus or Mrs. Backemeyer. Sales go from October 1-November 30th.

2ND GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

When: Sunday Oct 21st and 28th, from 5-7 PM.

Where: Elmwood Elementary School

Call Jesse 994-4395 or Frank 994-2183 with any questions.

ABSENT OR TARDY STUDENTS

Please contact the school if your students are absent or tardy. Student absences or tardies can not be excused until we hear from a parent. Thanks for your assistance in this matter.

ABSENCE POLICY

We inform parents when their child misses 5 days in a quarter, 8 days in a semester, and again when the student reaches 20 absences in a year. If a child is absent more than 20 days in a school year, the parent/guardian will be notified and possibly the County Attorney in accordance with State Law.

The Elmwood Board of Education has established a limit of 8 absences per semester. All student absences up to 8 days will be approved with parent permission only. When a student reaches 8 days absent in a semester the administration will contact the parent/guardian and student to discuss the circumstances that resulted in the 8 absences. At this time, the student will be placed on "attendance probation". This will require the student to show "just cause" for all absences and will require a doctor's verification or other appropriate measures deemed necessary by the administration.

Please see pages 15-19 in the Parent-Student Handbook regarding attendance and absences.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. You may contact me at 994-2125 or at bfriedrich@emknights.org.

SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

We are in need of substitute kitchen help and substitute aides at both buildings. Please contact either building office if you are interested in applying for these positions.

KIDS ON THE BLOCK ANTI-BULLYING PRESENTATION

Kids on the Block, a puppet group, will be presenting an anti-bullying show for our students and staff on October 25, 2012. The pre-k through 3rd grade will have their presentation at 1:00 p.m. and grades 4-6 will have their presentation at 1:45 p.m. This program is sponsored and funded by the Nebraska Elks Association.

CHINESE ACROBAT ASSEMBLY

We will be hosting a Chinese Acrobat Assembly on October 29, 2012 at 1:15 p.m. in the gym. Parents and patrons are invited to attend. This program will last about 45 minutes and is funded by the S.O.S. parent organization.