



BULLDOG NEWS

MARCH 2024



ON FEBRUARY 23, FCCLA PRESENTED CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES TO THE ELBERT FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT!



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FROG DISSECTION IN MRS. OLKJER'S SCIENCE CLASS.
THE 7TH GRADERS HAD A GREAT TIME
(AND SO DID MRS. OLKJER!)



ELBERT STUDENTS:
PLEASE KNOW THAT IF YOU ARE FEELING ANXIOUS, STRESSED, SAD, OR OVERWHELMED, MR. DORMAN IS AVAILABLE TO SPEAK WITH YOU. YOU CAN REACH HIM BY EMAIL, WHICH HE CHECKS REGULARLY!
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Drop -Off and Pick-Up Safety

PARENTS-

PLEASE HELP US KEEP EVERYONE SAFE BY FOLLOWING THESE SIMPLE RULES:

NO CARS ARE ALLOWED IN THE BUS LOOP FOR CHILD DROP OFF AT ANY TIME BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL.

IF YOU ARE LATE, YOU NEED TO PULL INTO THE PARKING LOT OR USE THE DROP OFF LANE AND YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO WALK INTO THE BUILDING. PRESCHOOL PICKUP AND AFTERNOON DROP OFF MAY USE THE BUS LOOP.

**** THE DROP OFF LANE ADJACENT TO THE PLAYGROUND IS FOR QUICK DROP OFFS ONLY. PLEASE DO NOT SIT IN YOUR VEHICLE AND WATCH YOUR CHILD WALK INTO SCHOOL. ****

IF YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN THAT NEED ASSISTANCE GETTING OUT OF THE CAR, PLEASE PULL INTO A PARKING SPOT TO UNLOAD AND WALK YOUR CHILD TO THE SIDEWALK. STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP THEM WALK INTO THE SCHOOL IF NEEDED.

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO OTHER VEHICLES IN THE DROP OFF LANE AND PULL AS FAR FORWARD AS YOU ARE ABLE.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN THROUGH THE PARKING LOT. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE A SMALL PERSON THROUGH THE PARKED CARS. IF THE MAIN PARKING LOT IS FULL, PLEASE REMEMBER THERE IS OVERFLOW PARKING IN THE LOWER LOT.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 3/17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- 3/21 HS BOOK CLUB FIELD TRIP
- 3/21 4TH/5TH GRADE FIELD TRIP
SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER 5-7
- 3/26-4/1 SPRING BREAK
- 3/31 EASTER SUNDAY
- 4/3 SPANISH FIELD TRIP
- 4/3 ELEMENTARY Q3 AR FIELD TRIP
- 4/3 BOOSTER CLUB MEETING 4:45
- 4/5 ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP
- 4/5 SPRING FLING DANCE
- 4/9 CMAS TESTING
- 4/10-4/12 NWEA TESTING ELEMENTARY
- 4/15 MS MATCHWITS 5:00
- 4/16 SAT TESTING 8:00 AM
- 4/16 CMAS TESTING
- 4/17 PSAT TESTING 8:00 & 12:00
- 4/23 NWEA TESTING - SECONDARY

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!



DRILL INFORMATION:

ELBERT SCHOOL PRACTICES UP TO TWO DRILLS (FIRE, LOCKDOWN, TORNADO, ETC.) A MONTH. IF THERE IS EVER AN ACTUAL LOCKDOWN, TORNADO, FIRE, OR OTHER EMERGENCY, A MESSAGE WILL BE SENT TO PARENTS.

ELBERT SCHOOL DISTRICT #200 DOES NOT UNLAWFULLY DISCRIMINATE AGAINST OTHERWISE QUALIFIED STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT, OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY, GENDER EXPRESSION, MARITAL STATUS, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION, ANCESTRY, OR NEED FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES. DISCRIMINATION AGAINST EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT BASED ON AGE, GENETIC INFORMATION, CONDITIONS RELATED TO PREGNANCY OR CHILDBIRTH IS ALSO PROHIBITED ACCORDING TO STATE/FEDERAL LAW.



ELBERT SPORTS



WELCOME BACK TO SPRING SPORTS IN ELBERT, BULLDOG FANS! AS WE WELCOME YOU BACK TO THE STANDS, PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF OUR COACHES, OFFICIALS, FANS, STUDENT ATHLETES, AND ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK HARD TO MAKE THESE EVENTS HAPPEN FOR OUR STUDENTS!

-HEAD COACHES

HS BASEBALL

- MARCH 22 @ DOLORES-HUERTA 4:00
- MARCH 23 ECA-PPC 1:00
- APRIL 1 BYERS 5:00
- APRIL 2 SIMLA* 5:00
- APRIL 4 @ ECA-PPC* 4:30
- APRIL 9 KIOWA * 5:00
- APRIL 15 @ CALHAN 4:00
- APRIL 16 @ CRIPPLE CREEK-VICTOR* 4:00
- APRIL 18 SIMLA* 5:00
- APRIL 22 @ DJDS 4:00
- APRIL 23 @ FLATIRONS ACADEMY @ NORTHWEST OPEN SPACE 4:00
- APRIL 27 LYONS 10:00
- APRIL 30 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT: QUARTERFINALS TBA
- MAY 4 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT: SEMIFINALS & FINALS TBA
- MAY 11 REGIONAL TOURNAMENT TBA
- MAY 16 1A STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TBA



MS TRACK & FIELD

- APRIL 4 LIMON INVITATIONAL 10:00
- APRIL 11 BYERS INVITATIONAL 1:00
- APRIL 16 PEYTON INVITATIONAL @ ELBERT 1:00
- APRIL 25 ELBERT INVITATIONAL @ ELBERT 1:00
- MAY 4 BLACK FOREST LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS @ ELBERT 8:00

HS TRACK & FIELD

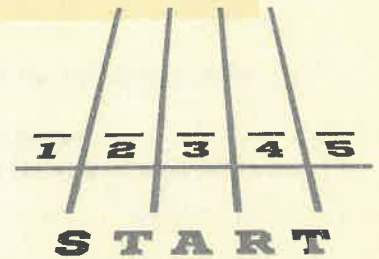
- SATURDAY, MARCH 30 KIOWA KLASSIC @ ELBERT 9:00
- SATURDAY, APRIL 6 WARREN MITCHELL INVITATIONAL @ LIMON 9:00
- SATURDAY, APRIL 13 PETRELLI & HUNT INVITATIONAL @ GARRY BERRY STADIUM 10:00
- SATURDAY, APRIL 20 STRASBURG INVITATIONAL 9:00
- FRIDAY, APRIL 26 LIBERTY BELL INVITATIONAL @ ECHO PARK STADIUM 4:00
- FRIDAY, MAY 3 BURLINGTON INVITATIONAL 10:00
- SATURDAY, MAY 4 BFL CHAMPIONSHIPS @ ELBERT 8:00
- FRIDAY, MAY 10 FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS @ PUEBLO WEST 1:00
- SATURDAY, MAY 11 1A-2A TRACK AND FIELD LAST CHANCE QUALIFIER @ LIMON 9:00
- MAY 16-18 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS @ JEFFCO STADIUM TBA

* = DISTRICT GAME



E SPORTS

ESPORTS BEGAN THEIR SPRING SEASON FEBRUARY 8TH, PLAYING MADDEN 24 AND MARIO KART



ELBERT GATE PRICES

High School Games

\$7 Adults \$6 Students & Seniors

Middle School Games

\$6 Adults \$5 Students & Seniors

Gate Passes

\$75 Parents & Fans / \$50 Students
One time purchase





WE WERE FORTUNATE TO EXPERIENCE MILD WEATHER DURING THE FIRST SEMESTER. HOWEVER, WE ALL KNOW THAT COLDER, INCLEMENT WEATHER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. WITH THE CHANGING WEATHER CONDITIONS COME DIFFICULT DECISIONS AS I LOOK AT DETERMINING DISTRICT SNOW DAYS. VARIOUS FACTORS ARE EXAMINED BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE TO CANCEL SCHOOL, HAVE A LATE START, OR DISMISS STUDENTS EARLY.

FACTORS CONSIDERED:

WARNINGS AND WATCHES (STORM, BLIZZARD, HIGH WINDS) – THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ISSUES WARNINGS AND WATCHES AND PROVIDES THE DISTRICT WITH UP-TO-DATE WEATHER INFORMATION.

ROAD CONDITIONS – ROADS IN TOWN OFTEN LOOK VERY DIFFERENT FROM RURAL ROADS. ALL OF OUR BUS ROUTES REQUIRE DIRT ROAD REMOTE TRAVEL.

EXTREME TEMPERATURES –COLD TEMPERATURES NEAR OR BELOW 0 DEGREES CAN HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE BUSES USED FOR TRANSPORTATION. THE RISK TO THE STUDENTS STANDING AT A BUS STOP IS ALSO CONSIDERED.

WE (SUPERINTENDENT, TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR, MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, AND BUS DRIVERS) COMMUNICATE FREQUENTLY THROUGHOUT THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. ELBERT COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE, ELBERT COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND ALL SURROUNDING SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS COMMUNICATE TO MAKE A FULLY INFORMED DECISION. ROAD AND BRIDGE SHARE THE ROAD CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AS WELL AS PROBABLE PLOWING AND SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULES.

SOMETIMES A "CALL" TO CANCEL SCHOOL IS MADE IN THE VERY EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING AND MOTHER NATURE SURPRISES US, GOING AGAINST ALL PREDICTIONS. AS WE ALL KNOW, THE WEATHER CAN ALSO TURN OUT WORSE THAN PREDICTED. WHEN MAKING THE DECISION, STUDENT AND STAFF SAFETY ARE ALWAYS PARAMOUNT. ALL STUDENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOL ARE IMPORTANT, BUT NOTHING IS MORE CRITICAL THAN EVERYONE'S SAFETY AND WELL-BEING. ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT MANY OF OUR STAFF LIVE IN OUTLYING COMMUNITIES, THUS ADDING ANOTHER DYNAMIC TO THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. IF WE HAVE TO COVER OUR SCHOOL DAY WITH NUMEROUS SUBSTITUTES, THIS IMPACTS OUR DECISION. PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT MAKING A SNOW DAY DETERMINATION IS NEVER TAKEN LIGHTLY AND IS ALWAYS A DIFFICULT ONE. DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS AND INFORMATION GATHERING, WE ARE SOMETIMES FOOLED BY THE EXPERTS' "WRONG" CALL.

THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REQUIRES A MINIMUM NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL HOURS PER YEAR, WHICH WE BUILD OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR AROUND. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE KNOWINGLY SCHEDULE AN EXCESS NUMBER OF HOURS TO ACCOUNT FOR OUR INCLEMENT WEATHER/ROAD CONDITIONS. THE 2023-2024 CALENDAR HAS 12.06 EXCESS DAYS CALCULATED ABOVE THE REQUIRED MINIMUM HOURS.

THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED TO HAVE A PLAN FOR YOUR STUDENT IF SCHOOL IS DISMISSED EARLY OR A SNOW DAY IS NECESSARY. ALL FAMILIES SHOULD MAKE ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN CASE OF SCHOOL CLOSURE. AS WE CONTINUE TO PUT STUDENT AND STAFF SAFETY FIRST, WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

COMMUNICATION WILL ALWAYS BE SENT THROUGH THE SCHOOL MESSENGER SERVICE - PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE SET YOUR ACCOUNT UP TO ACCEPT OUR MESSAGES. WHEN WE CAN, THE MESSAGES WILL BE SENT BY 8:00 P.M. THE NIGHT BEFORE, OR BY 6:00 A.M., OR WHEN ON A DELAYED START WE WILL MESSAGE AN UPDATED CLOSURE BY 8:00 A.M. WE ALSO USE LOCAL NEWS STATIONS AND OUR WEBSITE TO POST OUR STATUS.

