**PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING**

Well, if you haven’t heard yet our Drama performance was a smash hit! Congratulations to Ms. Vero and Mrs. Kanas and all the members of the cast for their hard work and wonderful performances on Thursday! In keeping with our technology initiative, we have created a YouTube Live recording of our afternoon performance. The link will be available only to our District and Panther community. As this is our maiden attempt at using this technology, please bear with us as to the quality of our recording; we expect to improve greatly as we continue this practice. You can view Elmwood’s “On The Radio” at the following link: [http://youtu.be/kf6txXVQPi](http://youtu.be/kf6txXVQPi) We recommend you move the playbar at bottom of screen to 4:30 minutes to where the show starts as our filming started and our show time was delayed slightly.

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**PATT NEWS**

The Bookstore will be open April 24 - April 28. Thank you for all your support. Any questions please contact Michela Shipinski at 708-845-6446 or email [elmwoodpatt2319@outlook.com](mailto:elmwoodpatt2319@outlook.com)

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**PLAYGROUND**

You may have noticed that we have installed a new recycle & trash bin near the playground equipment. As we celebrate Earth Day tomorrow, we hope this will help us all keep our grounds clean and trash free.

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*The Mia’s of 4th grade posing with the ‘Mia’ character at their Legoland field trip!*

This week Elmwood celebrated Earth Spirit Week for tomorrow’s Earth Day. Our Go Green club members gave daily announcements that discussed the importance of taking care of our school, the environment, and our earth.
ELMWOOD VARIETY SHOW INFORMATION
Due to so much talent at Elmwood the afternoon performance of the Variety Show next Tuesday, April 25th, will begin at 1:15 p.m. instead of 1:30 p.m. Please join us at either the afternoon performance or the 6:30 p.m. evening performance to enjoy all of the amazing acts you will see "Under the Big Top!"
- Mandatory Practices – April 24
- Performances – April 25 at 1:15pm and 6:30 pm

Mrs. Thomas’ ‘almost 2nd graders’ skip counting on the carpet during math class.

Second graders in Mrs. Raimondi’s class showing off their inventions!

WORDS OF WISDOM
Happy Friday Panthers and Parents! The theme for the month of April is “Doing What’s Right.” This week we focused on Telling the Truth. We should not leave discussions about telling the truth until the time we think our children have told a lie. Emotions may run high during any given situation where someone’s truthfulness is in question and the child is probably going to be quite attached to what they have said, defending it no matter what. If we create playful and hands-on situations to learn about what truthfulness is, before it is needed, then we can help the children distinguish for themselves what “telling the truth” actually means. This way they are prepared with the necessary knowledge when they are faced with a situation in which they are required to take “truth” seriously. Here are some fun ways to teach children about telling the truth – to prepare them for real life situations when truthfulness is important:
- Be storytellers. Talk about how some things you hear about are not actually true, but make-believe. Deciphering truth from fantasy can be tricky, especially things we see on TV. Make up a fantastic story with your child about things that could not be true – such as flying, living in the clouds, or meeting animals that talk. Explain that these stories are fun, but they are not reality (what is true in the real world).
- Play a game called “true or false.” Make two signs which say “True” and “False” (or T and F if your child cannot read yet). Show your child which sign is “true” and which is “false,” and explain what the words mean. Now tell your child some things that might be true or untrue while they hold up the correct sign for what you say. You can take turns where they say things and you hold up the signs, as well.

Have a wonderful weekend, and remember to come to school on Monday prepared to Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be ready for class! With something to think about, this is Ms. Martini. Make it a great weekend – or not. The choice is yours!