**PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING**
The end of the year is right around the corner and I’m proud of the work and learning that has occurred over the year! Learning can happen anywhere or time, and we hope that learning will continue over the summer break with the great activities you have planned.

**STUDENT TRANSFERS**
1st--5th grade Parents, if you are moving and/or your child will not return next year to Elmwood, please notify our office before the end of the school year. You will also need to come in to the office to fill out transfer paperwork so we can have your child’s records prepared for their next school.

Mrs. DiSilvio’s 4th grade class dissecting owl pellets for a culminating activity relating ecosystems, energy transfer, and the cycles of life.

**PATT NEWS**
Save the date: Thursday May 25th
Celebrate the last day of school by ordering out, dining in or just enjoying some Gelato at Massa’s Cafe. 20% of our sales will come back to Elmwood. Thank you for all your support. Any questions please contact Michela Shipinski at 708-845-6446 or email elmwoodpatt2319@outlook.com

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**MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE**
Medications will be going home with students the last day of school. If you would like to pick them up earlier please let Ms. Jerzyk know. Ms. Jerzyk will also be sending medication forms to be filled out for next school year when she sends your child’s medication home next week. Please be sure to fill out medication forms for next year in order to start next school year off on a positive note!
Second graders in Mrs. Bilotti’s class celebrating Pirate Day and Sports Day!

**WORDS OF WISDOM**

Happy Friday Panthers and Parents! The theme for the month of May is “Doing What’s Right.” This week we focused on encouragement. Building our kids’ self-esteem is important. Teaching kids to be encouragers helps them take the focus off of themselves and actively uplift, support and inspire others. Here are a few tips for teaching your child to be an encourager:

♦ Define “encourage” for your kids (To inspire with hope or confidence; to uplift; to give support to; foster; to stimulate; spur).

♦ Ask them to discuss a time when they have been encouraged by others and how that made them feel.

♦ Ask them to think of ways to encourage others and then help them act on their ideas.

♦ Model encouragement for them. Think of ways to actively encourage your spouse in the presence of your children.

♦ Script scenarios and words that can be used to encourage others. Scenarios we’ve used include uplifting a family member who is sick; encouraging a friend who is sad; and spurring on a classmate who is struggling in school.

♦ Positively acknowledge when you see encouraging behavior from your child.

♦ Conversely, correct discouraging behavior immediately. Yes, siblings bicker and use unkind words with each other, but you should not condone this behavior. Treating siblings poorly should not be a forgone conclusion or given a pass.

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!

**BE RESPONSIBLE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE READY**