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If you love Halloween, softball, soccer, field trips, learning about disasters or the schedule changes, homework, enrichment, safety, baseball, or the play at Trinity, then you will love this edition of Panther Press! There is a fun Halloween word search and a funny Halloween comic strip. Make sure to check them both out!
Hello, Elmwood Panthers! It's that spooktacular time of year again! Lots of people LOVE this spooky holiday, others may not celebrate it. Let's talk about some of people's favorite Halloween candy, some favorites are AirHeads, Skittles, M&M's, Twix, Snickers, Kit Kats, Sour Patch Kids, Butterfingers, and Lollipops. There are different types of candies. Hard, chewy, chocolate, sour, or sweet. Remember, Halloween isn't ALL about candy. All of your costumes were amazing this year! We hope you had a safe and wonderful Halloween and trick or treat!
Halloween Safety by: karma and Divina Zamudio

This page is all about how to be safe for halloween

- Make sure you stay close to whoever you're going trick-or-tricking with; there is a LOT of people who are going to go trick-or-treating as well.
- Make sure you get safe candy and look out for strangers.
- Make sure you don't stay out too late; you don't want to be sleeping in class the next day.

Stay Safe panthers !!!
What is Halloween?

John it’s Halloween today!

What is halloween?

Halloween is a holiday where people give food or...

Wait! food?

May I please have your fridge?

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Halloween Word Search

HQUGCBROOMHNFGHYOOBFNFP
EARGYJDREPLEMUTSOCTYHJHHT
AHILESFRETAACKCALBOFGRDGRHH
YRSDLRWGFDSHTHJRKSHDHNIAFR
TTYJVSOPLIKMHGWITCHDILFILGU
DBLCGQIWHSBORIHDUKVNJKISJD
UHYTPEREDHTJYSTRODXTIPVNB
MNRETNALEKCAJTRWAQFAMRERS
GKJLPOYTNYNDVFNVBMDQUBROIO
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Hello everyone welcome to “Recent Disasters”! We have a few disasters we want to inform you about! Let’s start with a big hurricane that happened on August 31st– September 19. This storm was insane! The Storm is known as “Hurricane Florence.” Florence hit North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland, Cape Verde and more places! The storm was put in Category 2, and the repair will cost of 170 billion dollars.
More Disasters

Moving on to the Super Typhoon Mankut! This disaster hit on September 14th in the Philippines. A super typhoon is a tropical storm usually occurring in the Pacific Ocean. When the Super Typhoon Mankut hit, it was a category 5 and the winds rose up to 180 mph. That’s crazy! But, there are some downsides to all storms, 81 people died and 59 are still missing. :(

![Image of damaged street after the typhoon](image-url)
The #1 Soccer Team in Girls AYSO

The girls soccer team, “The Titans”, have recently swept away the competition. “The Titans” is a team full of girls and they are just astounding! They have the amazing coaches... Coach Hector and Coach Tod! They have won all of their games. (With only one tied game) They practice every Tuesday and Thursday at the Elmwood Park High School, so if you’re lucky you can even see them at one of the fields around 6:00 on those days. Some of the teammates even include two people from our own Panther Press team: Alyssa A. & Isabella B. and even two more people from this elementary: Adela H. and Nel W. So, if you see any of them in the hallways, ask them how they are doing in games and practices! All the other amazing team mates include: Andrea M., Ashley N., Jill R., Kimberley P., Lauren S., Maeve C., Megan N., Naomi M., Rosarie B., Sophia C., Sophia R., and last but not least Veronica Z. Every Saturday (and sometimes other days) they have intense, fun, and educational games. Very soon they will have their most important game... Finals! (Sat. Nov. 3) Remember to them good luck and just might win! They will always try their very hardest to always come up with good communication skills they need to accomplish what they will need succeed in winning.... GOALS!
Middle School Champions!

On Thursday, September 27th the Elm Middle School had their girls softball team go to the championship in Rosemont. They were playing against the Rosemont Cobras. The Elm school team was undefeated for all their games and stayed undefeated up to their championship game. They dominated the Cobras with a 12-0 win. They all worked hard together so they can win it all and make it that far in the season. The whole season they were 10-0, which means they won ten games and lost zero. The softball team hasn’t won a game in 8 years. The coach, Ms. Colleen Byrne, was very proud of her team, but the players were the most proud of themselves.

By: Gianna And Alyssa
Chicago bears are playing some great football! By: Anthony Huaman

At the moment the bears are in first in there division, and they are still going strong. The bears had a good game last sunday but they fell short by 1 yard which totally stinks! They lost to the very good New Englands Patriots! They lost 38-31. So there was 1 second left and they were 1 touchdown away and they throw a hail mary and they make the catch at the one yard line. This Sunday, they played the New York Jets, the score was 24-10 the Bears won and the best play of the day was made by Mitch Trubisky the quarterback threw a shuffle pass to Tarik Cohen the running back and he juked several Jets players and ran 70 yards to the touchdown and was a key play to the game! Hope you enjoyed!
Hey everyone! Welcome to this year's article of “ELMWOOD FIELD TRIPS!” We'll be talking about the awesome and cool field trips that Elmwood did! First, we have the awesome field trip that Elmwood 4th graders participated in. They went to the Museum Of Science and Industry! It was a blast! Then, they went to check out the awesome Pixar exhibit! It was mind blowing when they showed how long it took to make only ONE slide! Next, they went to check out the cool Weather exhibit.
Then, they had lunch and went to view the *Bicycle exhibit*. They filled out a sheet with questions about their day and what they saw! The fourth graders had a super fun and exhausting day, but they were sad it had come to an end. They hopped on a bus with their partners, and rode back to school to get their stuff and go home.
Schedule Changes
By: Julissa And Maggie.

As you know we have new special schedule at our school, that is affecting people in different ways. We are here to give our thoughts and others thoughts on this piece.

In our opinion the schedule is not that great. Some people like it some people dislike it. Students dislike it because it can get very confusing and we don’t have a consistent schedule. Students like it because if you love technology and you have it on Monday you will also have it on Friday. We went around and asked a few kids, 3 out of 8 people disliked it. 5 out of 8 people liked it.

In conclusion more people like it then dislike it. 62.5 percent of the people we asked liked it, and 37.5 percent out of the people we asked dislike it.
Why Homework is Important

We think there are many reasons why homework is more important than you think. One reason homework is important is because homework helps you learn and if you get a question wrong then you’ll understand what you did with some explaining! Another reason why homework is important is because it helps you start preparing for stuff that is coming up like a test. Lastly, another reason why homework is important is because without homework, you can’t remember what you learned that day and it won’t improve your mindset. So in conclusion, that is why we think that homework is important.

By: Xiomara Nieto and Sarai Rivero
In Panther Press :)
There is a new enrichment program at Elmwood. It is completely different from the years before and may be exciting for some but disappointing for others. What do you think? Is this a good change, or a bad one?

For starters, some of the changes are that the new enrichment program takes all the children in the 1st and 2nd grade classes, in the intermediate or older grade levels, the kids that are in enrichment move up a grade level for the subject they are excelling in, and all the projects are different from what they were before because of the curricular change. When I was in 1st and 2nd grade we did not have our whole class, we only had the children excelling in a certain subject participate in enrichment. Also, we did not move up a grade level. All the grades went in the enrichment room but now only 1st, 2nd, and 6th grade go to see Mrs. Wanzung, the enrichment teacher. And now the rest of the kids go to the grade level higher's classroom. Also, I liked the projects from the years before but now we are doing things that I know some about but most did not know.

Personally, I do not think this is a good change because now all the kids in enrichment will be learning the same thing next year. Also, some kids in enrichment are excelling in every subject and they don’t do any work with their homeroom so it’s basically skipping a grade level. Another thing is that our school might have to change the whole curriculum again because the kids are learning the older grade levels’ work and they would be doing the same thing next year. That could cost a lot of money for new books and learning materials. Plus, it will be hard for the teachers to start over and learn another new curriculum. I honestly feel that my homeroom doesn’t feel like a homeroom anymore only because we have so many additional kids coming to our class and they are not in our grade level. According to the new schedule change, it’s a little bit weird because our schedule rotates and enrichment does not. And if there is a holiday where school is closed then enrichment changes. Sometimes it goes on Fridays for the 6th graders and we have to miss P.A.T which is our only recess and we earn it. If we don’t turn things in on time we have to miss it so if we earn P.A.T, I think that we should go to it instead of enrichment. Lastly, I had more homework than the students in my classroom because of enrichment. I had missed what we were doing in class for enrichment and that gave me more homework. Whereas the kids in the enrichment program not in 6th grade only have to do the homework from their enrichment class. This might change your answer from what you thought when you first started to read this. Think about it, is enrichment enriching, or is it just more work?
The Little Mermaid Play at Trinity High School in River Forest is so excited to be presenting The Little Mermaid musical at their school! There are lead roles such as Sebastian, Ariel, Flounder, Ursula, and many more. There is also an ensemble. An ensemble is a group of people who perform together and the ensemble in the little mermaid consists of Water, Fish, and Oysters. There are some 6th graders from our school who are participating in this play and they are in the ensemble. That group of students consists of Olivia Shipinski, Karma Zamudio, Divina Zamudio (the writers of this article), Zoe Rice, and Sofia Narozanski. Olivia (one of the writers) and Isabella will be playing water. Karma Zamudio, Divina Zamudio, Zoe Rice, and Sofia Narozhanska will be playing fish. There is also a fifth grader who will be participating in the Trinity play that goes to Elmwood Elementary. That would be Isabella Wernsing. There will be lots of action in the aisles and on stage. There will be lots of singing, upbeat songs, and dancing that will make this play awesome and enjoyable. The songs that we will be singing are Under The Sea and Kiss the Girl. (there are many other songs but we will not be singing them.) Sadly, Elmwood will not be attending as a school but all Elmwood students can still go. Trinity will be performing the play on Friday November 16th at 7:00 pm, Saturday, November 17th at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, November 18th at 2:00 pm. There will also be creative costumes such as water with a colorful sparkly dresses and green and blue wigs, oyster with a big pearl that they will be holding, fish such as surprise fish (wearing black) and clown fish. (white) It has been fun and exciting at practice where we get to sing and dance. Hope you can come and enjoy a fun and creative performance!