



# The Cougar Courier

ELM MIDDLE SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 23rd, 2020

## Principal's Message

Greetings Elm Families,

Can you believe it? We're almost through October and next week will end another month of learning. We are continually in awe of everything happening every day at Elm. We loved being able to connect with all of our families during our first night of parent teacher conferences and very much look forward to the second night this coming **Thursday, October 29th**. If you did not receive an invitation to attend conferences, please contact your student's teachers directly. They will be happy to help you sign up for a time.

As a reminder, conferences are optional for all families. If you schedule a conference, please plan to have your student attend the meeting. In addition to conferencing with teachers, parents can sign up to meet with the Elm administrative team using this link: <https://bit.ly/3jCqaGO>. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your participation and continued support!

As always, if you ever need anything do not hesitate to contact us! We hope you have a great, safe, weekend. **#TeamElmStrong**

Most Sincerely,

Ms. Ashley Groeneveld

### Virtual Backpack

District 401's **Virtual Backpack** is where you can find downloadable PDF flyers about District, school or community events, as well as other timely documents relevant to the D401 community.

### Attendance Reminders

If a student is going to be absent from class, a parent or guardian should call our Attendance Clerk at (708) 452-3550 or email us at [elmattendance@epcusd401.org](mailto:elmattendance@epcusd401.org).

### Yearbook Pick Up

If you ordered a 2019-2020 Elm Middle School Yearbook, please come to Elm Middle School's main entrance from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm any school day to pick up your yearbook.

## Spirit Week Starts Monday!



**Monday - 10/26**

Pajama Day



**Tuesday - 10/27**

Team Day: *Wear your favorite team gear*



**Wednesday - 10/28**

Red Ribbon Day:  
*Wear Red*



**Thursday - 10/29**

Halloween Costume Day

Watch [our live stream](#) on 10/30 at 11:30 am to see which building principals will have to work on the roof of the winning school!



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## Student Spotlight

Students in Ms. Reppen's and Ms. Jensen's science classes have been investigating the various functions of body systems. This week, they participated in an investigation where they identified the functions of the digestive system. Awesome job, Cougars!



## Upcoming Events

- > Mondays - Fridays: [Walk Up Technology Support](#) for all students
- > Mondays & Wednesdays: [Aramark Free Meal Pick-Up](#) at EPHS Door #4, 9 - 11 am
- > Monday, October 26th - 29th: [Red Ribbon Week Spirit Week Competition](#)
- > Tuesday, October 27th: Pumpkin DECA-rating Contest Due ([Flyer](#) & [Rules](#))
- > Wednesday, October 28th: Parent University Tiny Tech Bytes - Go Guardian
- > Thursday, Thursday, October 29th: [Parent/Teacher Conferences](#)
- > Friday, October 30th: Remote Learning Planning Day for Staff, **No Student Attendance**

## PowerSchool Access

**The first trimester ends on November 24th!**

- > Please be sure to check your student's grades and assignments on [PowerSchool](#).
- > If you do not have an account for PowerSchool and need access, please email Ms. Freeck at [freeckm@epcsd401.org](mailto:freeckm@epcsd401.org).

## Need Help? Contact Us!

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