



# ELMWOOD EXPRESS

**TEACHING AND LEARNING ARE VISIBLE**

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## PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

Two weeks of learning have been completed and I am proud of the work your children have done so far this year! Thanks to our teachers for sharing some of that work that's posted around our hallways.



It was wonderful to see all the Panthers that were able to attend the PATT's pool party last Friday; what a great way to end the first week of school! I would like to encourage all parents to be a part of our PATT group; without their support, many fun activities and resources wouldn't be available to our students.

Our Fall MAP testing will be concluding next week. Teachers will use these data to target specific skills for instruction in Reading and Math.

Front Entrance: Our front steps have a drainage problem that will need to be corrected this weekend. This work, scheduled to be completed prior to the start of school on Monday, WILL NOT impact student dropoff/pickup. Should weather complicate the completion of this project, regular drop off on 76th Ave. will remain in place and students will be directed and monitored moving to our North entrance, Door 4. The reverse procedure will be in place at dismissal if needed.

**“My teacher thought I was smarter than I was; so I was.”** Six year-old student

## PATT NEWS

Please send in your PATT forms.

Walk-a- thon Forms are going home this weekend! Make sure to read them.

Save the Date: Sept 8th PATT Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Elmwood Cafeteria.

Continue to collect your box tops, and feel free to send in all the ones you have collected already. Please double check the expiration dates.

Thank you for all your support. Any questions please contact Michela Shipinski at 708-845-6446 or email [msitaly71@comcast.net](mailto:msitaly71@comcast.net)

*The PATT sponsored pool party was a huge success!  
436 Elmwood families were in attendance!*



## WORDS OF WISDOM

Happy Friday Panthers and Parents! The theme for the month of August is “Creating Success in School.” This week we focused on making goals. First Lady Michelle Obama says, “One of the lessons that I grew up with was to always stay true to yourself and never let what somebody else says distract you from your goals.” Have you ever had dreams about what you would like to be when you grow up, how you will play in your next game, how you will go in your test, or how you could learn to play a guitar? You may not have those particular dreams, but I bet you do dream about something in your life. Well, just dreaming about it won't make it happen. What you can do is set some goals, and work out how you are going to make it happen. You need to write some goals down, sort out which are the most important goals, and then decide what are the steps to take to help you get there. Write down all the good things about reaching your goal. If you run into a problem, sit down and think how you are going to work around it, or over it or through it. Don't give up. Keep trying. Things may not always work out; maybe you decide that your goal was unrealistic. That's OK. Learn from your mistakes, reset your goals and move on. 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!



*We had our first Pep Assembly of the year, focusing on PBIS!*



*Student Council members led the school in a game of PBIS Jeopardy!*

### TARDY REMINDER

Please remember to make sure your child arrives to school on time. It is important not only for your student not to miss any instructional time, but important not to disrupt the whole class when entering the classroom late. As a reminder, students are allowed to enter the building starting at 8:20 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. Below are some tips in order to eliminate tardiness to school:

- Lay out clothes the night before
- Pack backpack the night before and leave it by the front door
- Pack lunches the night before
- Wake up 20 minutes earlier
- Create a calendar/schedule for weekly activities

Here is a link to a study that explains how tardiness can negatively affect school and job performance

<http://www.sfps.info/DocumentCenter/View/8404>

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