

# ELMWOOD EXPRESS

**TEACHING AND LEARNING ARE VISIBLE**

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## PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

I hope you have some wonderful plans for our Labor Day 3-day weekend ahead! Our teachers and students have been working very hard in their classrooms and are ready for a little break. Although not in school; learning continues all the time, I hope you can take advantage of one of our area's museums, zoos or parks with your children this weekend!

Elmwood Park Educational Foundation District #401 is having a fundraising event and drive to support all of our schools in the Village. Information was sent out to all families via our various communications tools; we hope you can join us on Oct. 7 at Elmcrest Banquets. For more information and a means to donate, visit: [www.epef401.org](http://www.epef401.org).

As many of you may have surmised, the weather impacted the repair project on our front steps last weekend. The work is expected to be completed this weekend and will not impact our 76th Ave. drop off routine.



*Mrs. Kanas' 4th grade class used teamwork to design their own parachutes and then calculate the time it took them to reach the ground from their classroom window!*

## PATT NEWS

Walkathon is Thursday September 22! Thank you to everyone that turned in their pledge sheets.

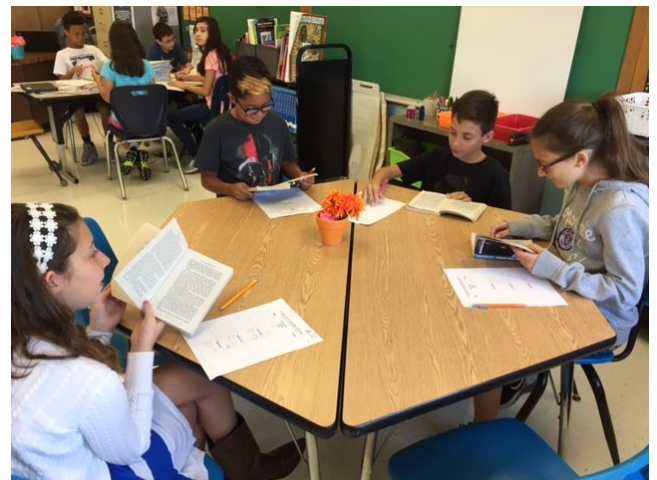
Save the date : Our first family dine out will be Thursday sept 22 at Jim and Pete's.

Kidstuff coupon book orders went home, if you are interested in a book please send in the order form. [Kidstuffcoupon.com](http://Kidstuffcoupon.com)

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.

Please like us on Facebook, we use this as updates for information and things happening at school. <https://www.facebook.com/Elmwood-PATT-1495396577424631/>

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)



*6th graders in Mrs. Ricchio's class working on an interactive ancient history timeline.*

## WORDS OF WISDOM

Happy Friday Panthers and Parents! The theme for the month of September is “Respecting ourselves and others.” This week we focused on positive encouragement. Someone famous once said, “When you encourage others, you in the process are encouraged because you're making a commitment and difference in that person's life. Encouragement really does make a difference.” Positive encouragement goes straight to the heart. In fact, the word itself comes from a combination of the prefix *en* which means "to put into" and the Latin root *cor* which means "heart". Knowing what a big difference encouragement makes in your own life, what can you do to help others to take heart when the going gets tough and the way feels long? If an encouraging thought comes to mind, share it! It may not have the same effect if you wait. Don't let shyness hold you back. When someone is discouraged or hurting, offer specific, practical help. When you see someone making positive changes in their lives, affirm them! And last but not least, tell people how they've encouraged you! Have a wonderful long weekend, and remember to come to school on Tuesday 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!

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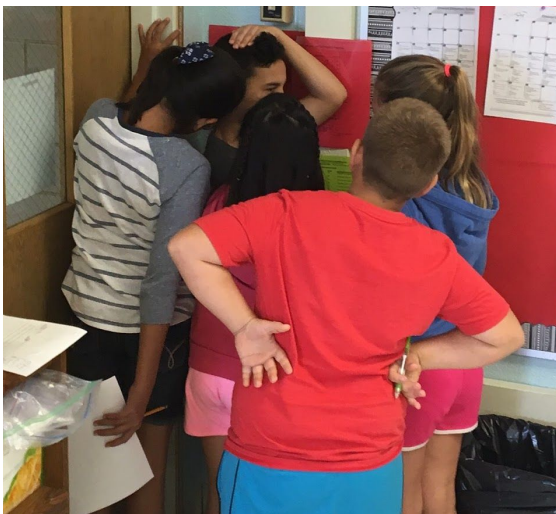
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Mrs. Anichini's 4th grade students gathering data for our Arm Span vs. Height lab in math class



## 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***