

# ELMWOOD EXPRESS

**TEACHING AND LEARNING ARE VISIBLE**

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## PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

I would like to thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we completed the repairs to our front entrance stairs and doors. Our front entrance is now operational for normal student entry and dismissal.

The Elmwood Park Fire & Police Departments are holding their annual Safety Fair in the Circle tomorrow from 10 AM--4 PM. Hope to see you there!

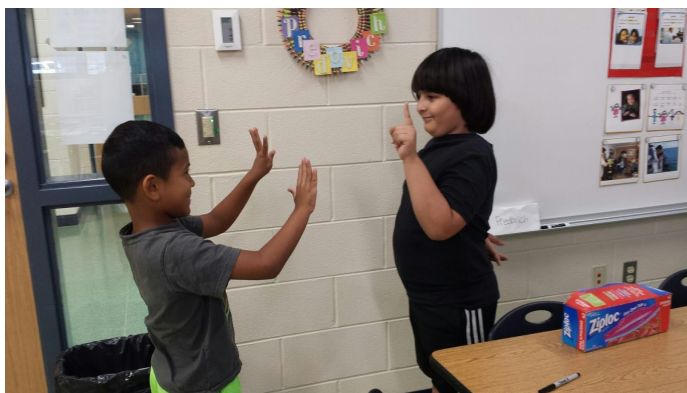
A reminder that when students are present in school, a state ID or driver's license are required to sign in and out at the office to obtain a visitor's badge.

Picture Day is Thursday, September 15! Online ordering is available and you can follow the directions sent via email and text to complete. Smile!

Share the joy of reading with your child:

- Take them to the library
- Tell bedtime stories
- Share your favorite childhood stories
- Read the book, watch the movie
- Build a book collection

Cultivating the habit of reading is undoubtedly one of the most important gifts a parent can give a child.



*Mrs. Predovich's 2nd grade class practicing different ways to come up with 10 with their partners!*

## 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)



*Ms. Giudice & Mrs. Marzillo's 1st graders getting some exercise with a new "Tag & Save" game with Mrs. Scimeca!*

## 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 “The Golden Rule” - to treat others as you would want to be treated. Edwin Markham once said, “We have committed the Golden Rule to memory; let us now commit it to life.” What he means is that it is easy to say the Golden Rule; but we need to actually apply it to our daily lives. Here are some practical tips for living the Golden Rule in your daily life:

- Practice empathy. Make it a habit to try to place yourself in the shoes of another person.
- Practice compassion. Once you can understand another person, and feel what they’re going through, learn to want to end their suffering.
- Be friendly!
- Listen to others. Another weakness: we all want to talk, but very few of us want to listen. And yet, we all want to be listened to. So take the time to actually listen to another person, rather than just wait your turn to talk.
- Be the change. Gandhi famously told us to be the change we want to see in the world. Well, we often think of that quote as applying to grand changes, such as poverty and racism and violence. Well, sure, it does apply to those things ... but it also applies on a much smaller scale: to all the small interactions between people.

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!



*Mr. Bolin’s 6th grade Science class building atomic models of diamonds, graphite, and carbon dioxide*

### ARRIVAL REMINDER

For the safety of all children, please remember to make sure your child arrives to school no earlier than 8:20 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and no earlier than 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. Supervisors contractually do not start supervision until those times, because they are in meetings and planning curriculum for your students. If students are showing up earlier than the designated times, we will be putting them in the before-care program at the cost of the parents to ensure student safety. Additionally, please be sure to pick your child up on time after school. School dismisses at 3:00 p.m., and supervisors are on duty after-school until 3:12 p.m. To avoid any charges for being put in the after-school program, please pick up your child before 3:12 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding on this matter, as we want all children to be safe!



*Mr. Falk’s 6th graders are studying and drawing the work of artist Romero Britto with Mr. Subler.*

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