



# ELMWOOD EXPRESS

**TEACHING AND LEARNING ARE VISIBLE**

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## PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

We are proud to welcome Ms. Iovinelli to our Elmwood family as our new librarian! We are excited to have her special skills in the library to help us continue to promote the love of reading in our building.

### FRONT ENTRANCE REPAIR WORK

Beginning this weekend, additional repairs to our front entrance will be occurring. Our front entrance will be out of order during the upcoming week. We will continue our normal drop off procedures on 76th Ave. and students will be guided the short distance to the alley where they will enter the building through door #4. Dismissal for our 5th and 6th grade students will be out door #4 at the end of the day. Band and any Club that will be meeting prior to the start of school next week, will enter through door #4 as well. We appreciate your understanding and patience while this work is being completed.



*Mrs. Vravosinos-Sanders and Mrs. Mangiamele's 3rd grade classes working on their cardio playing "Clothespin Tag" with Mrs. Scimeca in P.E. class!*

***"Whether you think you can, or can't, you are usually right."***

*Henry Ford*

## PATT NEWS

Thank you to all that came out to the Family reading Night and enjoyed ice cream and bought some great books. Thank you to Mr. Seibel and Ms. Martini for reading to the kids!

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Save the date - Dine out is Oct 12th at Massa the flyer is on it's way.

Thank you to all who supported our annual Book Fair, because of this we are always able to buy new books for the library.

□ Thank you for all your support. Any questions please contact Michela Shipinski at 708-845-6446 or email

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*Elmwood's PATT sponsored the Scholastic Book Fair!*



*PATT sponsored a Family Reading Night and ice cream social!*



*Second graders practicing their bus evacuation skills!*



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### WORDS OF WISDOM

Happy Friday Panthers and Parents! The theme for the month of October is “Making a difference.” This week we focused on citizenship. To be productive citizens in America, students need to recognize individual differences; acknowledge common bonds; and demonstrate skills related to diversity, inclusiveness, and fairness. Diversity exists in various forms including but not limited to race/ethnicity, culture, talent, ability, status, and learning styles. Helping children develop to their full potential as citizens is an important priority of families, communities and schools. Developing citizenship means becoming a productive, responsible, caring and contributing member of society. In a democracy, responsible citizenship is an ethical obligation; it involves abiding by laws and rules of society, participation by voting, social consciousness and public service and avoiding unnecessary secrecy or concealment of information for public good. Good citizenship includes:

- doing your best in school
- making responsible decisions
- caring about others
- contributing to society
- developing social and personal skills such as reflective problem solving, accepting a variety of perspectives, and setting and attaining goals
- developing a core set of common values

Here are a list of kid-friendly books involving the theme of citizenship:

- Duck for President, by Doreen Cronin.
- Vote, by Eileen Christelow.
- So You Want to be President, by Judith St. George.
- With Courage and Cloth: Winning the Fight for a Woman’s Right to Vote, by Ann Bausum.
- Running for Public Office, by Sarah De Capua.

Have a wonderful 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!

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