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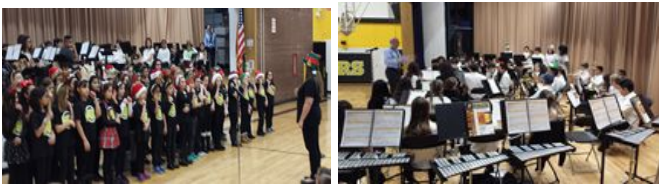
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Dec. 9, 2016

PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

I hope you were able to see our fantastic Winter Music Festival on Thursday. We are all so proud of our 5th & 6th grade bands and our choir--what a great kickoff to the holiday season!



I would like to thank our PATT for all their time in putting on the Penguin Holiday Shoppe for everyone! I know our students enjoyed that experience.

We have one new water fountain, and will have two others after winter break. These new fountains are designed to save water bottles with a quick and easy fill-up system. Since Thanksgiving, we've saved almost 800 plastic bottles from going in a landfill.



Mrs. Bilotti's class working on science in teams. 2nd grade is learning about Properties of Matter

PATT NEWS

Thank you to all that supported the Holiday shop. All the kids had great time shopping.

Save the date for shopping at Five Below: Dec. 9, 10, 11 - Elmwood gets a percentage back.

Thank you for all your support. Any questions please contact Michela Shipinski at 708-845-6446 or email elmwoodpatt2319@outlook.com

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Students enjoyed the week of shopping at the Penguin Holiday Shoppe put on by our PATT.

Elmwood's Upcoming Performances

Dec. 20 *Elmwood's Holiday Show-* We invite you to enjoy the singing of our 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade students as they put us all in the holiday spirit. Shows at 1:30 & 6:30 PM.

The weather is your child proper clothing outside!

turning colder! Be sure leaves for school with for the colder temps





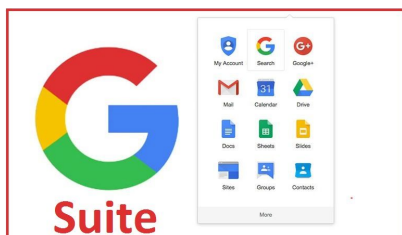
Students practice and learn critical thinking skills, strategies and have fun at Chess Scholars' weekly meetings.



5th graders in Mrs. Scimeca's work their core muscles and utilize teamwork during scooter soccer.



Go Green Christmas Ornate Design Challenge is seeing some great entries using recycled materials!

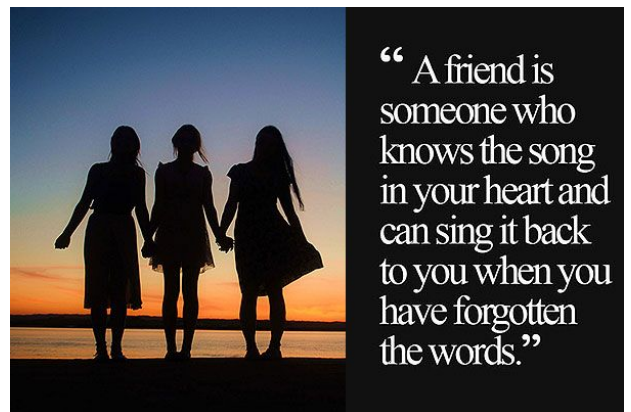


WORDS OF WISDOM

Happy Friday Panthers and Parents! The theme for the month of December is "The Gift of Friendship." This week we focused on being a good friend. Helen Keller once said, "Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light." Being a good friend isn't always easy, but taking the time to nurture a lasting friendship is worth every ounce of effort. As the years pass, some people will stay by your side, but many won't, and you'll realize that each friendship you keep is priceless. Of course, to have a good friend, you must be one. To be a good friend and deepen a friendship to make it last, just follow these steps:

- Make sure they're okay the moment you sense something wrong.
- Know when to be serious and when to be goofy.
- Go the extra mile when they ask for help.
- Don't give up on them during their darkest hours.
- Make them feel wanted.
- Tell them, "I've always got your back," at least once (and mean it.)
- Understand and respect boundaries
- Be honest and constructive when needed
- Introduce them to others
- Jump to the rescue when asked

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!



"A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words."

BE RESPONSIBLE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE READY

