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October 28, 2016

ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Congratulations to the Elida Lady Dawgs in their District II Semi-final win 4-1 over Shawnee. They will play tomorrow, October 29th, at 1:00 at Elida against Celina for the District Title! Go Lady Dawgs! #ElidaPride

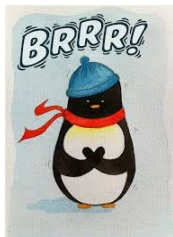


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Big Surprise

Elida Junior student Jerry Mason had a terrific surprise this week when his US Navy sister Kirsten walked into the High School cafeteria. Kirsten, who has been in the US military for the past two years, was granted leave earlier than expected. She decided to surprise her brother with the help of Principal Darren Sharp. She enlisted in the Navy right after graduating from Elida in 2014, and Jerry hadn't seen her since then! Watch the surprise here:

[YouTube Clip of the Big Surprise](#)



COLD WEATHER REMINDER: As the weather is turning colder we want to remind parents that elementary students go outside for recess when weather permits. Please remember to send your children to school with coats, gloves, hats, scarfs, etc.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI NOMINATIONS

Each year we recognize one individual Elida/Gomer graduate to be named our Distinguished Alumni. These individuals also serve as the Commencement Speaker at Graduation. We are currently accepting nominations. The purpose of the Alumnus Award is to recognize Elida High School and /or Gomer High School Alumni who have distinguished themselves as successful adults in their respective careers. We are currently accepting nominations until December 15th, 2016. The nomination form can be found on the Elida school website linked here:

[DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI NOMINATION FORM](#)



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MRS. FAITH CUMMINGS RETIRING

After **42 years** working in education Mrs. Faith Cummings will be retiring next week. We have been blessed with her dedication, hard work, knowledge and commitment to the students at Elida.

Faith began her career in education in 1975 at Delphos St. John's Elementary School where her first class was second grade and she had 32 students.

She began her training when she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from O.S.U and went on to earn a degree in Educational Administration from the University of Dayton, BGSU & The University of Findlay. She continued to pursue additional degrees with a Masters of Education from BGSU. Faith also holds numerous Licenses in Educational including a Superintendent License, Principal License (K-8) and Supervisor License for Grades 1-8 and Gifted K-12.

She worked at St. Gerard's as an Elementary Teacher in 1976 before coming to Elida as an Elementary Teacher from 1977-1986. She left the school district for eight years to work at Allen Co. Educational Service Center to teach and coordinate Gifted Education. In 1994 she returned to Elida and served as our Elementary Principal until 2005. She then accepted the role of Director of Curriculum and Assessment for the past 11 years. Through-out these years she has made innumerable, tangible improvements to the District because of her passion for the kids.

Faith has very close ties with her a family and is married to Mike Cummings who is a 5th grade science teacher in the Shawnee School District. She is very proud of her children: Ryan Lee who is married to Sara; her daughter, Andrea is married to Nick Loftis; her Step-daughter Ashley is married to Nate Whiteman. Faith has three grand-daughters: Madison who is 6 years old, Aubrey is 4 years old and Jocelyn is due to arrive in December. Faith plans to spend as much time as she can enjoying them in her retirement.

She says she has been blessed to meet and work with the students, their families and the fabulous staffs in all of her roles here and elsewhere. "Education is a noble and honorable profession. Collaborating with colleagues to design and develop the best possible educational opportunities for young people has been exciting and rewarding." She says she will miss the students and the staff the most and that she has learned so, so much throughout her career from the students and colleagues.

School Board Vice Pres., Pat Schymanski said that Faith will be truly missed. "She is highly respected with our State Legislators and they often seek out her input, and they listen to her, they want her input."

Faith remarks: "Thank you to each and every student, colleague and family that I have met and worked with over the years. It has been an honor to serve and work in Education for and with you. Keep learning and growing and continue to make the best decisions for the kids. Embrace change and new ideas.....they only make us better!"

Thank you and enjoy your retirement, Faith! We're happy for you, but you will be missed!





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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK: STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Last week our elementary students had a good time learning more about school bus safety during **National School Bus Safety Week**.

COLORING CONTEST WINNERS:

Kindergarten:

Hunter Lawson
Lahna Savioll
Payton Shattuck

Grade 1:

Claire Donaldson
Leona Swickrath
Jace Hensely

Grade 2:

Jursi Freels
Lilly Foster
Sherlye Reyes

Grade 3

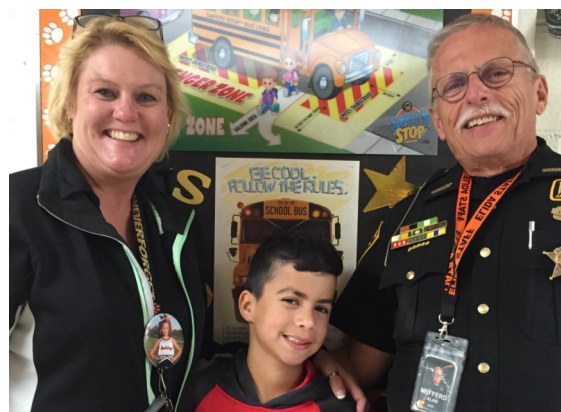
Hannah Tullis
Skyla Johnson
William Spicer

Fourth grade students took a quiz on school bus safety. The top winners in each class were: Samuel Mattox, Alysabeth Yagerman, Brooklyn Stringer & Takoda Goens (tie) Cira Sluder, Carter Hanes, Malachi Potts Alaina Howard, Emily Durham, Lydia Webb & Terayanna Johnson (tie) Kayden Chandler, Diego Gutierrez-Barnes, Tyler Siefker Makayla Redd, Landon Rex, Jeffrey Foster & Preston Young (tie) Autumn Gross, Sander Shrader, Tanner Austin Lauryn Chiles, Jalen Ridgell, Alivia Schroeder



Kindergarten coloring contest winners: Hunter Lawson, Lahna Savill and Payton Shattuck. Bus Driver Diane Bloom.

OVERALL WINNER: \$25 Toys R Us Gift card went to Diego Gutierrez-Barnes



Bus Driver Kathy Thomas, Diego Gutierrez -Barnes and School Resource Officer Alan Mefferd

• Oct. 31	Two Hour Delay	Professional Development
• Oct. 31	HS Marching Band Concert	7:00 pm HS Auditorium
• Nov. 14 -22	Elementary School	Parent Teacher Conferences
• Nov. 14	Two Hour Delay	Professional Development Day
• Nov. 15	Middle School	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm
• Nov. 17	Middle School	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 pm
• Nov 18-20	High School	Theatre Performance: The Miracle Worker
• Nov. 22	High School	Red Cross Blood Mobile Donor Day
• Nov. 23-25		Thanksgiving Break



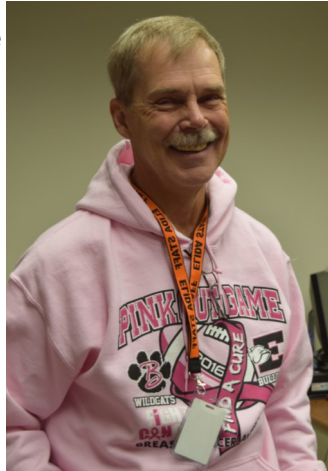
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GO DAWGS!

It's Football Friday! Come out to see the last Home game of the Season vs. Bath at 7:00pm. Show your spirit: It's a **PINK OUT** in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness.

Real Men Wear Pink!
Elida School Board
Vice President
Pat Schymanski is ready for the game!



Middle School Band News

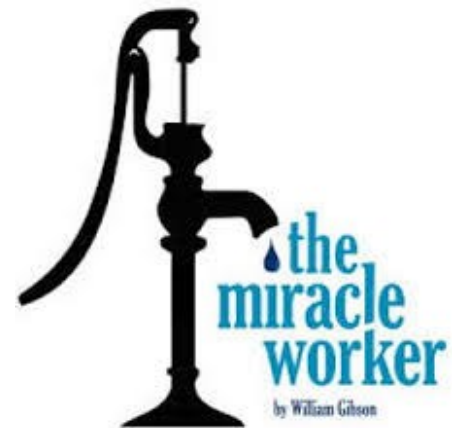
Congratulations to 8th grade student Alison Campbell and 7th grade student Madison Burkholder! They successfully auditioned into the Lima Area Youth Orchestra. (LAYO) Alison is Third Chair Clarinet, and Madison is Fourth Chair Violin in the ensemble. The LAYO membership is open to all Middle School and High School students in the Lima area. What a great accomplishment! #ElidaPride!



GET READY FOR A GREAT E.H.S. THEATRE

Trapped in a secret, silent world, unable to communicate, Helen Keller is a violent, spoiled, almost sub-human six-year old child and treated by her family as such. Only her teacher, Annie Sullivan, realizes that there is a mind and spirit waiting to go beyond the limits of her dark, tortured silence.

The Miracle Worker dramatizes the volatile relationship between the lonely teacher and her charge. With scenes of intense physical and emotional dynamism, Annie's success with Helen finally comes with the utterance of a single, glorious word!



NOVEMBER 18, 19th at 7:30pm & November 20th at 4:00pm in the High School Auditorium Tickets sold at the door: Adults \$8 Students \$5

Cleaning out your Closet? Middle School Needs Items

We are in need of spare clothing for our middle school students. Clothing that would be helpful include, athletic shorts-all sizes, sweat/athletic pants-all sizes, t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts-large or x-large. Any donation would be helpful and benefit our students. Just drop items off at the Middle School. *Thank You!*

