

The Viking



Edmore Public School

December 2023

Greetings Parents/Guardians:

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving weekend. Our students enjoy an extra day of vacation, but I do notice that they are a little “sluggish” on the Monday after a long weekend break. They will need to come up to speed as December is a busy month with activities. Boys and Girls basketball practice begins in the next few weeks and Edmore hosts a home game for boys and girls in December. We have two boys out for basketball but no girls this year.

Dissolution Public Meeting

There will be a public meeting on December 11th at 6:30 pm regarding the dissolution plan for the Edmore school district. During the meeting, the process for the dissolution will be presented and discussion will take place and hopefully, patron questions will be answered. The goal of the meeting is for the board of directors to inform district patrons of the dissolution process and seek input from the patrons, relating to the dissolution plan including future use of the building, and sale of school district assets. Once the board processes the input from patrons a final dissolution plan will be drafted and presented to the County reorganization board and also the State reorganization board.

The students have been very resilient to the news that they will be attending a different school next year. We will make sure they have a memorable final year in Edmore and assist in their transition to a neighboring school district for approval.

On behalf of the staff, students, and Edmore school board, I would like to thank the Edmore school district patrons for their continued support of our most valuable resource, our children.

Professionally,

Frank Schill, Superintendent



Season's Greetings-

How can it be December already??!! Each month the squeeze in the chest grows a little stronger....I can't imagine life without these kiddos. I hope you all know how much I cherish the time I get to spend with your kids. Everyone is working so hard and growing each and every day. I know, without a doubt, that they will be successful wherever they go next year, but it doesn't make it any easier for me.

As always, December means the start to some very busy days before the break. We have both boy and girl basketball seasons beginning. Edmore will be hosting their final home games in December. Rayce will have his last basketball game on his home court on December 15th. The girls' basketball team will be playing their last game in Edmore on December 21st. Please pack the house and support our athletes.

Last week my JH academic challenge team went to their first ever competition. I was so proud of them. They placed 8th out of 16 teams.

I am pretty excited to announce that we will be presenting the final Christmas Program on December 14th. ALL students and staff are participating in the show, so it will be an extra special evening. I sure hope we get a huge crowd to cheer us on! Please help us spread the word and encourage everyone to come watch. It will begin at 7:00 p.m.

As a fundraiser for our anticipated schoolwide field trip in the Spring, we are going to be making donuts and selling them after the Christmas Concert and at our home basketball games. We will not be taking any orders. If you want donuts, you will need to attend either the Christmas program or either one of our home basketball games. We will be selling them for \$15.00/bag (a bag contains 2-dozen).

Christmas break begins on December 22nd and we return back to classes on January 3rd. I can tell that everyone is looking forward to the break. (If the students get bored, they can always read a book or log into IXL to keep their brains charged. 😊)

As a reminder, we have entered cold and flu season. Please, if your child is not feeling well, running a temp, etc., keep them home so we don't have a schoolwide spread. We always have Covid lurking out there, and we have free tests in the building if you are questioning Covid. A reminder to refer to the school website for the Covid guidelines.

Don't forget the public meeting regarding our dissolution plan is slated for December 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Martinson, Principal

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K/1 NEWSLETTER

Ms. Umali's Class



The Past Month

For the past month kindergartner continued learning basic codes, CVC words and tricky words such as; blue, yellow, and, the. We also explored interesting things about plants and how it is important to people. In Math, kindergartner already began subtracting numbers up to 10. First graders also continued learning words with long vowel sounds, tricky words my, by, they and because. And towards the end of the month they were introduced into writing fictional narratives. We also learned about the early civilization in Mesopotamia and Egypt. In Math, first graders learned a lot of strategies in answering subtraction equations. Also, K1 learned about plant and animal structures in Science and how parts of them help them live. While in Social Studies they learned about continents and oceans as well as location, weather and environment and how it affects the way people live. For Phy. Ed. students begin to learn how to strike a ball with a hand and with a paddle.

This Month

This month kindergartner will begin a new skills in ELA and they will learn more tricky words and will spell it. They will also be introduces to consonant clusters. For ELA knowledge they will also begin a new domain and will be introduced to stories about Native Americans. In Math, kindergartner will continue subtracting within 10 and will represent numbers 11-19. First graders this month in ELA will continue reading words with long vowel sounds and will finish writing fictional narratives. They will also introduced to some grammar lessons and a lot more tricky words. In ELA knowledge they will begin a new domain and it will be about Early American Civilization. In Science K1 will still be learning about plants and animals and how they respond to the environment they are living. In Social Studies K1 will be introduced to different symbols and traditions of the United States. In writing we will continue writing and editing our informative text about animals. I am also excited to do some Christmas-themed artworks and explore more STEM activities.

Reminders

Happy December! This month we will be having the school's last Christmas Play. It will be on December 14, 2023. All of the students and staff will participate in this wonderful play.



Alam mo ba?
(Did you know?)

The Philippine eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*), also known as the monkey-eating eagle or great Philippine eagle, is a critically endangered species of eagle of the family Accipitridae which is endemic to forests in the Philippines. The Philippine eagle is considered the largest of the extant eagles in the world in terms of length and wing surface area.

November Snapshots





2ND & 3RD GRADERS'

Journey

by: Ms. Alayssa Agaloos



Our learning jar has been enriched with yet another month's worth of insights and discoveries.

In 2nd grade ELA, we studied the different tricky spelling alternatives of /a/ and /ae/, /o/ and /oe/, and /i/ and /ie/. We also mastered how to identify and give examples of common and proper nouns, and we used proper capitalization and punctuation in sentences. We also read different Greek myths and created our own myth. Currently, we are learning about the War of 1812.

In 3rd grade ELA, we identified key information about ancient Roman civilization and wrote our ideas in a graphic organizer. Also, we explained Roman life and their beliefs in a short essay. We also determined verb tenses, identified the present and past tense of to be, and utilized the proper verb tense of to have. Moreover, we mastered the meaning of words formed when -er or -or is added to a known root word.

In addition, both grades also have a weekly spelling.

In mathematics, 3rd graders studied how to add three-digit numbers and subtract a two- or three-digit number from a three-digit number. They also learned how to interpret and create pictographs and bar graphs. They also have a constant review of their past lessons through the Power Up activity with Ms. Worley.

On the other hand, 2nd graders learned different strategies for subtracting a one- or two-digit number from a two-digit number.

In science, we continued learning about different forces. We studied balanced and unbalanced forces, gravity, magnets, and electricity.

In social studies, we determined how people modify our environment in order to adapt.

In PE, we practiced balance, roll, and strike using hands and different manipulatives. We also learned about the beat, tempo, and timber of unpitched instruments in music, and currently, we are practicing the songs for our Christmas play. In health, we learned how to set our goals and ways to achieve them. We also built a machine claw prototype, a cotton ball launcher, and a roller coaster made of paper in STEM. In our art class, we created an animal toy cup and a paper hand letter card for Thanksgiving. We also learned keyboarding and took home some books during our library time.

In our writing class, we are almost done crafting our informative report about our chosen animal.

Indeed, we are thankful that we will end this year full of learning, memories, and realizations.



FEATURED FILIPINO CHILDREN'S GAME:

BAHAY-BAHAYAN



A role-playing game where children act as members of an imaginary family, sometimes to the extent that one of them becomes the family "pet." They then act out various household situations such as dinner, going to mass, and the like.

MATHEMATICS Corner

by: Mrs. Hernandez

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Math 6

Our sixth grade is currently learning about percents. He is working on writing fractions and decimals as percents and writing percents as fractions and decimals. Understanding these conversions enhances his numerical fluency and problem-solving skills.

Math 7

In the seventh grade, students are studying ratios and proportions. Understanding ratios and proportions is crucial in various aspects of daily life. From cooking and adjusting recipe quantities to managing personal finances and budgeting, these concepts help maintain balance and make informed decisions. Mastering ratios and proportions enhances problem-solving skills and promotes a more logical approach to various situations.

Math 8

Students in grade eight will be learning real numbers and the Pythagorean theorem. In studying real numbers, they will describe a square root, find the square root(s) of a number, and approximate the value of the square root of a number. The Pythagorean theorem, a crucial concept in geometry, students will analyze relationships between sides in a right-angled triangle, with wide-ranging applications in fields like physics, engineering, and computer science.

Algebra 1

Our ninth-grade studied writing linear functions. She determined the slope given ordered pairs, a graph, or a context. She wrote the equation of a line in different forms - y-intercept form, point-slope form, and standard form. She was able to interpret scatter plots and analyze lines of fit, which she enjoyed the most when using a graphing calculator. She also wrote a function representing an arithmetic sequence to solve real-life problems.

Geometry

Students in the tenth grade are learning about congruent triangles. They are classifying triangles by sides and angles. They are solving problems involving congruent polygons. In order to prove that triangles are congruent, they use different theorems such as SAS, SSS, ASA, and AAS. Understanding congruent triangles helps in fields like architecture, engineering, and design by ensuring structure accuracy and symmetry.



Wow Philippines!

Filipinos celebrate Christmas with lively festivities, known as "Simbang Gabi" or night masses, festive decorations, and traditional dishes like "Noche Buena." Family gatherings are central, and the street glows with colorful lights. It's a blend of religious traditions and joyful cultural customs.



THIS MONTH IN SCIENCE

by Ms. Ang

Our Learning Focus:

Life Science

Students in sixth and seventh grades have been studying inheritance and how traits are handed down from parents to children. They investigated both asexual and sexual reproduction to uncover how plants and animals create new life in a variety of ways. They explored how organs in plants and animals aid in reproduction in laboratory activities, learning how animals and plants contribute to the diversity of life around us.

Earth Science

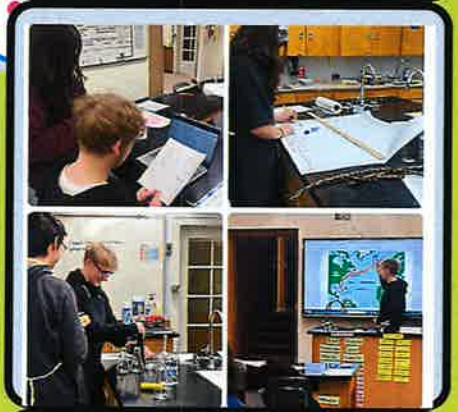
Our eighth-grade students learned about weather fronts and how they affect daily forecasts. They explored how factors such as latitude, elevation, landforms, prevailing winds, and ocean currents affect the climate of various locales. Furthermore, their investigation into extreme weather for their unit project revealed their dedication to their work. They've been helping each other improve their work as they prepare for their upcoming presentations.

Physical Science

Our 9th-grade student discovered how different chemical reactions work and even practiced balancing equations, which is a critical skill in the subject! She also utilized these equations to calculate the moles and masses of different substances. She noticed how different factors such as pressure, concentration, catalysts, temperature and surface area might speed up or slow down processes in the laboratory.

Biology

Our 10th grade students have been busy analyzing inheritance patterns, exploring both Mendelian and non-Mendelian genetics, to understand how traits are passed down. From eye color to different characteristics, they've observed and analyzed traits in various organisms. Their unit project took them into the role of genetic counselors, presenting an insightful case study report. They've done a great job of explaining their findings in scientific language, successfully communicating complex genetic principles to their audience.



Flora of the Philippines: Mystical Mossy Forest

Mt. Dulang-Dulang's mossy forest is home to a wide range of flora and fauna. This mossy forest emanates an enchanting aura. Trees resemble bonsai, with swirling, twisted branches and lichen and white moss that add to the forest's magical atmosphere.

THE ELA CORNER

by: Ms. Ellen Lagunzad

Reading



The students are currently finishing novels that focus on identity, political, and socio-economical issues. They are still developing their reading and analytical skills.

In 6th grade, a reading of narrative and informational texts focusing on the study of Ancient Mammals was done. This month, the student will read about the Mesopotamia civilization.

The students in 7th grade are currently reading the novel Coraline by Neil Gaiman.

In 8th Grade, the autobiography of Frederick Douglass chronicling his experiences in slavery is being analyzed in class.

The political and satirical novel, Animal Farm by George Orwell is being examined in 9th Grade.

Moreover, the 10th Grade is reading the Gothic novel, The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson.



Miles and Paige of 10th Grade preparing for a debate on the character's right for second chance in The Lamb to the Slaughter



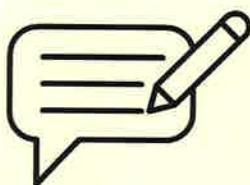
Victoria of 9th Grade correcting misplaced modifiers

Topics like Sentences, Fragments, and Run-On Sentences are given focus in Grammar.

Also, lessons on dangling and misplaced modifiers, as well as, parallelism are studied.



Grammar



Informative Essay

The students are expected to submit their rough drafts on December 6.

Final submission of the drafts will be on December 18.

Featured Filipino Word of the Month

Mag-ugnayan

[verb]

meaning: to connect; to form relationships

*"I wish, as well as everybody else, to be perfectly happy; but, like everybody else, it must be in my own way."
— Jane Austen, Sense and Sensibility*



SCHOOL NEWS

December 12th-

JH BBB @

Edmore 4pm

December 15th-

BBB @ Edmore

vs Hatton-

Northwood

3:30pm

December 21st-

GBB @ Edmore

vs Warwick

5:30pm

December 14th- School
wide Christmas Concert
@ Edmore 7pm.

December 22nd-

January 3rd

Christmas Break!

PUBLIC MEETING

WHAT: The final decision has been made that the Edmore School's last operating year will be the 2023-24 school year. The **Edmore Public School Board** will be hosting a public meeting to discuss the dissolution plan and process with patrons and landowners.

WHEN: December 11, 2023

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Edmore School Gymnasium

A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM INVITE

The Students and Staff will be presenting the *FINAL* Christmas Program for the Edmore Public School!

We invite everyone to make plans to come join in the Holiday Spirit!



DATE: Thursday, Dec. 14th

TIME: 7:00 PM

WHERE: Edmore Gym

*** If we are lucky, Santa may even attend*

DONUT FUNDRAISER



The Edmore School students & staff will be doing a donut fundraising event.

We will NOT be taking orders.

We will be selling the donuts at the school following the Christmas Program on December 14th, at the home boys basketball game on December 15th, and at the home girls basketball game on December 21st. Please come to our events and support our students.

It will be a first-come, first-served basis.

The cost will be \$15.00/bag for 2 dozen.

We will be making roughly 100 bags.

We will use the money raised to help cover the costs for our Spring schoolwide field trip.



Dear Santa,

You work so hard.
Can you give me a
frog plushy that's colored
green? Thank you.

Merry Christmas!

Love,

Amelia



Dear Santa,

I want some
Legos, figets, and beine
boos. I'm asking for
three gifts because
I want you to
have a break.

Thank you!

Merry Christmas!

Love,

Makayla



Dear Santa,

You have worked so hard. Thanks for giving presents to me for 9 years and other kids. I hope you have a merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas!

Love,

Odin Mattis



Dear Santa,

I want a nof guns. And a
Christmas hat. And a chistmas
shirt. And a belt. And a
invnder zim belt. I Love you, too!

Merry Christmas!

Love,

Jasper



Dear Santa,

I want tractors and like my
Dad gun with game and a loader
+ tractor stickers on my windowe
thank you Santa. ♡

Merry Christmas!

Love,
Bentley



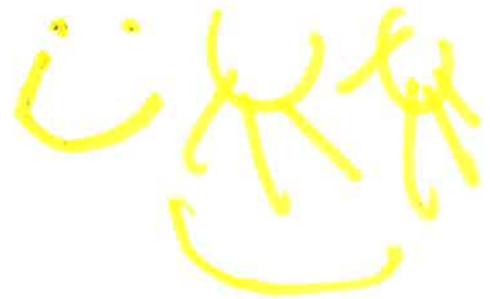
Dear Santa,

I want a stuff
animal and a toy
unicorn. And
markers and
pensils Thank
you

Merry Christmas!

Love,

Hais lex







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Menu subject to change. Salad Bar served at lunch daily. Milk served with all meals.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 BREAKFAST Rolls Fruit/Juice LUNCH Tater Tot Hotdish Corn Fruit
4 BREAKFAST Waffles Fruit/Juice LUNCH BBQ Chips Beans Fruit	5 BREAKFAST Cereal Toast Fruit/Juice LUNCH Chicken Hotdish Peas Fruit	6 BREAKFAST Hard Boiled Eggs Toast Fruit/Juice LUNCH Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Fruit	7 BREAKFAST Bagels Fruit Smoothies LUNCH Lasagna Breadsticks Corn Fruit	8 BREAKFAST Scrambled Eggs Toast Fruit/Juice LUNCH Chicken Bacon Ranch Wraps French Fries Green Beans Fruit
11 BREAKFAST Pancakes Fruit/Juice LUNCH Hamburgers French Fries Green Beans Fruit	12 BREAKFAST Cereal Toast Fruit/Juice LUNCH Scalloped Potatoes Ham Corn Fruit	13 BREAKFAST Cheese Omelets Toast Fruit/Juice LUNCH Chicken Strips Alfredo Fruit	14 BREAKFAST Muffins Yogurt Fruit/Juice LUNCH Taco Salad Chips Corn Black Beans Fruit	15 BREAKFAST Oatmeal Toast Fruit/Juice LUNCH Chicken Nuggets Rotini Peas Fruit
18 BREAKFAST French Toast Fruit/Juice LUNCH Orange Chicken Fried Rice Peas Fruit	19 BREAKFAST Cereal Toast Fruit/Juice LUNCH Beef Stroganoff Green Beans Fruit	20 BREAKFAST Egg Bake Toast Fruit/Juice LUNCH Pulled Pork French Fries Beans Fruit	21 BREAKFAST Bagels Fruit Smoothies LUNCH Steak Hotdogs Baked Potatoes Garlic Toast Corn Fruit	22 
25	26	27	28	29 

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December Activities

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Public Meeting @ Edmore School 6:30pm (A,B,JH) BBB @ Warwick 4:30pm	12 (JH) BBB @ Edmore vs Four Winds 4:30pm	13	14 Christmas Concert @ Edmore 7pm	15 (A,B,JH) BBB @ Edmore vs Hatton- Northwood 3:30pm	16
17 (A,B,C) BBB @ Northern Cass TBD	18	19	20	21 GBB @ Edmore vs Warwick 5:30pm	22 NO SCHOOL	23
24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL (A,B) BBB @ Larimore 5:30pm	30
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