

May

Newsletter



Elba Public School



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HOME OF THE BLUEJAYS



May Superintendent Update!

A Record-Breaking Finish!

As we approach the end of the 2025-2026 school year, we have some incredible news to share. Our students have put in an extraordinary amount of hard work over the past several months. After reviewing our recent assessment data, the results are in: our Bluejays showed such significant growth and improvement in their scores that they have officially earned their **Academic Incentive!**

Because of this achievement, **the last day of school has been moved up to Friday, May 15th.** We are so proud of the dedication our students showed to their studies; getting out two days early is a well-deserved reward for their commitment to excellence.

Staying Connected This Summer

While this will be our final newsletter of the school year, the "nest" never truly sleeps! Our next formal newsletter will be released in August. In the meantime, we encourage all families to stay up-to-date with summer announcements, facility updates, and back-to-school information by visiting our school website regularly.

New for 2026: Online Registration

We are excited to announce that we are moving to an **online registration system** for the 2026-2027 school year! This transition will streamline the process for families and ensure we have the most accurate information to serve your children.

Action Required for Parents: We are asking **all parents** to scan the QR code below and fill out the requested information. This will connect you to your child(ren) within our new system so that you can complete the registration process online later this summer.



Note: We will still provide paper registration options for those who do not have reliable internet access.

Growing the Bluejay Family

We are thrilled to head into the summer with **all of our teaching positions fully filled!** We have assembled an incredible team of educators, and we can't wait for you to meet them. Please help us welcome the newest members of the Bluejay family:

- **Sydne Sims** – 7-12 Math
- **Cassidy Frey** – Ag/FFA
- **Keith Cristobal** – 7-12 English
- **Phoebe Bascones** – Instrumental/Vocal Music (K-12)
- **Cortney Niemoth** – 6th Grade
- **Nestle Cerna** – K-12 Reading

Final Thoughts!!!

Reflecting on this past year, I am struck by how much we have accomplished together. Watching our students reach their goals has been the highlight of my year, and I am already looking forward to everything the 2026-2027 school year has in store.

Thank you for a wonderful year. I wish all of our students, staff, and families the best summer ever!

Go Bluejays!

– **Bobby Kelley, Superintendent**

The school district prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates and individuals may report concerns or questions to the Title IX Coordinator. The school district's Title IX policy, notice, and other information may be accessed elbaps.org.

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PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

NEWS & NOTES



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WRITTEN BY: MR. POTTER

As we welcome the month of May, we find ourselves reflecting on a year filled with growth, learning, and meaningful accomplishments. This is always a special time in our school community—a chance to celebrate how far our students have come and to look ahead with excitement. Our graduating students are reaching an important milestone. Graduation is not just a ceremony, but a recognition of years of hard work, perseverance, and dedication. We are proud of each student and the unique path they've taken to get here. We look forward to celebrating this achievement with families and the community. For all students, the end of the school year is an opportunity to finish strong. Classrooms remain busy with final projects, assessments, and activities that highlight the progress made throughout the year. Attendance, effort, and a positive attitude continue to make a difference right up to the last day. May is also a time to recognize the incredible work of our teachers and staff. Their commitment to supporting students academically and emotionally is what makes our school a place where students can thrive. As we close out the year, thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we have created a positive and successful school experience for our students. We wish everyone a strong finish to the school year and a safe, enjoyable start to summer.

SMALL CLASSES, BIG FUTURES

Consistency helps build strong habits, improves learning, and shows responsibility. Even small, steady efforts each day can lead to big success over time.



- May 5 Academic Night- 6:00pm
- May 9 Graduation Ceremony- 2:00pm
- May 14 Athletic Awards Night-6:00pm
- May 15 students last day of school
- May 19 teachers last day

QUOTE OF THE MONTH!

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." -- B.B. King



ELBA ACTIVITIES



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY

5/1/26 - High School Goldenrod Conference Meet @ Burwell
10:00am

5/3/26 - Academic Night 6:30pm

5/4/26 Junior High Conference Track @ Humphrey 10:00am

5/7/26 McCool Junction Meet 10:00am

5/12/26 - Junior High Red Cloud Invite 10:00am

5/13/26 - District Track @ Burwell

5/14/26 - Athletic Banquet Eating at 6:00pm event starting at
6:30pm.

5/16/26 - Junior High State Track @ Gothenburg

5/22/26 -5/23/26 State Track

Written by: Mr.Simmerman

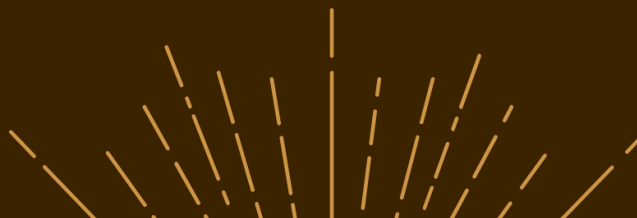


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ACADEMIC HONORS
Night

MAY 5, 2026

6:00 PM





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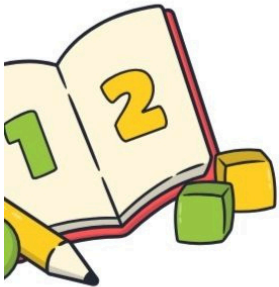
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Preschool & Kindergarten



GRADUATION



THURSDAY, MAY 7TH



7:00 P.M.
GYMNASIUM



REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR
YOUNGEST LEARNERS!





ELBA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Athletic Banquet

MAY 14, 2026

6:00 PM

PLEASE BRING A
DISH IN YOUR LAST
NAME'S CATEGORY

A - D (DESSERTS)

E - Q (SALAD)

R - Z (SIDE)



ELBA SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

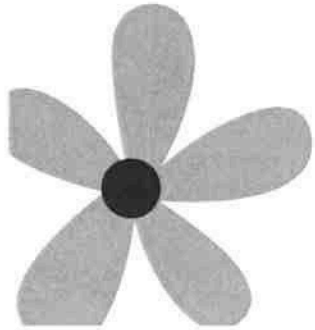


**CONGRATULATIONS TO NOLAN AND JAXSON ON
EARNING 5TH PLACE AT THE NEBRASKA STATE
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD IN THE HOVERCRAFT DIVISION
FOR JUNIOR HIGH!**

Foreigns making their mark!



Since 2022 Elba Public Schools has made a tradition of having foreigners make their mark on a world map in the front hallway of the school. This year we have 5 foreign exchange students. Daniel from Australia, Laura from Spain, Anita and Maria from Italy, and Toni from Germany. We have enjoyed every moment with these students and will truly miss them as they make their way home in May.

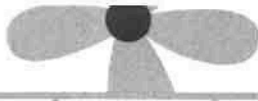
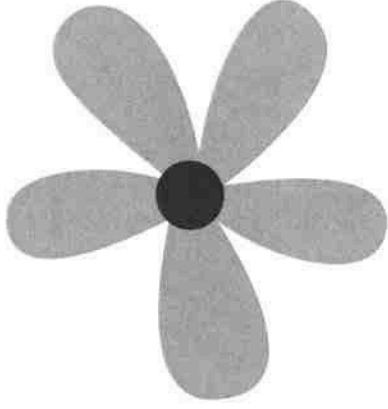


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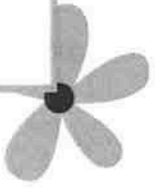
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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 <i>Last Day of school</i>	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Pizza Sticks Pancakes	2
3	4 Beef Patty Cinnamon Roll	5 Steak Rice Bowl Breakfast Burrito	6 Hamburger Sausage & Cheese	7 Chicken Patty or Nuggets Biscuits n Gravy	8 Pizza French Toast	8
10	11 Pulled Pork Donuts	12 Hot Dog n cheese Scrambled eggs	13 Corn Dogs Muffins	14 Cooks Choice Sausage Patty	15 Cooks Choice Pancakes	16
17	18 Cooks Choice Cinnamon Roll	19 Cooks Choice Breakfast & Lunch LAST DAY!!	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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