November Newsletter



ELBA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

During visits to the Elementary classrooms, we have been working on our College and Career Learning Readiness as well as Social and Emotional Learning.
High School is completeing the College Super Match survey to see what college may suit them the best.

Mr. Folkers

UPCOMING EVENTS

November is another busy month with College Representatives visiting. Central Community College will be here on November 9th to talk about Admissions.

Central Community College will also be here November 16th to talk to any students who may want to take a college class in the Spring. This is for Juniors and Seniors.

REMINDER

Just a reminder that the FAFSA is now open and is required by all Seniors in the State of Nebraska to graduate. There is a part for students and a part for adults. Each person will have to create an account.

The Susan Bufffet Scholarship opens December 1st. This is one of the largest scholarships in Nebraska and gives a Full-ride if chosen.

IMPORTANT

The Freshmen will be atttending Peru State College. This will be on November 10th. We will leave around 6:00 and should be back before school gets out. I have emailed copies to parents and given hard copies to students. They need to be returned by November 6th, even if you do not wish for your child to attend!

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HOME OF THE BLUEJAYS

November Superintendent Update

It's hard to believe that November is already here! The first semester has been moving quickly, and with more than half of it behind us, now is the time for our students to focus and finish strong. November brings crisp fall weather, energetic classrooms, and plenty of excitement as we approach the upcoming holiday season.

We have enjoyed a fantastic start to the school year, and I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to our teachers, staff, students, and parents for the dedicated teamwork that makes Elba Public Schools such a special place to learn and grow.

Attendance Matters

As we cross the midpoint of the semester, I want to remind our families about the vital role consistent attendance plays in student success. Every single day in the classroom counts toward continuous learning and building positive, lifelong habits.

We understand that unexpected illness and emergencies arise, but when absences start to add up, it becomes difficult for students to stay caught up with their coursework. Parents, please assist us by keeping an eye on your child's attendance and encouraging them to be at school whenever possible. Let's work together to make sure our students are present, engaged, and finishing the semester strong.

October Board of Education Meeting Highlights

The Elba Board of Education held its regular meeting on Monday, October 12, 2026, in Room 112. Below are a few highlights from the meeting:

- Received administrative and committee updates from the Athletic Director, K-12 Principal, Superintendent, and Board Committees.
- Welcomed Sharon Endorf from the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) for a special presentation.
- Discussed the district's Return to Learn protocol.
- Discussed and considered official action to recognize the Elba Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for non-supervisory certificated staff.
- Reviewed and discussed the 2026 TIP Report.
- Discussed arrangements regarding the city mowing the football field.
- Approved the consent agenda, including previous meeting minutes, financial bank balances, and monthly bills and claims.

The board continues to stay focused on supporting our staff, maintaining strong fiscal management, and making decisions that benefit students across the district.

Looking Ahead

As Thanksgiving approaches, we want to pause and express our gratitude to our families and community for your continued support. Elba Public Schools is a wonderful place to learn because of the people who care deeply about our students — parents, teachers, and community members alike.
Enjoy the season, take time with family and friends, and know that we are thankful for each of you.

Bobby Kelley

Superintendent, Elba Public Schools

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



SMALL CLASSES, BIG FUTURES

Keep building on your momentum, stay curious, and remember that every day is a fresh opportunity to learn, grow, and achieve your goals.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WRITTEN BY: MR. POTTER

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Stakeholders,

As we enter the month of November, we look back with pride on a busy and productive October—from our Red Ribbon Week activities to our Fall athletics and student leadership events. As the holiday season approaches, we continue to maintain a strong focus on academic growth, student achievement, and fostering meaningful family-school partnerships.

Following our Q1 assessments and ongoing classroom benchmarks, teachers are using progress monitoring data to target specific student needs and drive individual growth. If you have any questions regarding your child's academic progress, please feel free to reach out to their classroom teachers or myself.

Things to Remember:

- Student Absences: Please contact the main office by 8:00AM if your child will be absent or arriving late.
- Cold Weather Attire: As temperatures continue to fall, please ensure your child comes to school dressed warmly with winter coats, gloves, and hats for outdoor recess and bus transportation.
- Stay Connected: Follow our school website and Facebook page for live updates and coverage of school events.

Important upcoming dates:

- November 4 - FFA Livestock Evaluation
- November 10 - Freshmen Peru State College visit
- November 13 - FFA Labor Auction
- November 16 - County Government Day
- November 18 - 10:00 late start teacher in-service
- November 25-29 - Thanksgiving Break

QUOTE OF THE MONTH!

""November at its best—with a cloudless blue sky and a cool crispness in the air."
— Montgomery Maud Montgomery



ELBA ACTIVITIES



Currently, the Girls Volleyball team is sitting at 22-9 after hosting Sub-districts for the first time in school history. The Lady Jays made school history as well by making their first District final since 2006. Elba will be hosting the District Final against #9 Sandhills-Thedford. COME LOUD AND PROUD!!!

More information about State Volleyball to come!

The Varsity football team record came to a close after a 3-5 season. The football boys accomplished things that haven't been done in many years. First win since 2021 Football season and first Varsity win at Randy Rasmussen field since 2016. We had a great season and look to build on what the Seniors have left for us.

Junior High Volleyball ended their season with a win against Palmer! With seven girls on the team and occasionally only six at games they continued to battle each game.

Junior High Football season came to a close with a win against Santee to move their record to 3-2 on the season! This is the first time in many years the football team had a winning record to finish the season.

The eSports Marvel team is 2-4, Rocket League is 3-3, William Walters is 4-3 in Chess and Jaydin Larsen is 3-3 in Super Smash Bros.

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES

11/5/26 - 11/7/26 First Round State D2 Volleyball
11/7/26 One-Act @ North Platte
11/9/26 - Winter Conditioning begins
11/12/26 - Winter Sports meeting
11/16/26 - Winter Practice begins
11/16/26 - JH GBB @ High Plains 4:00pm
11/18/26 - Winter Sports Pictures
11/17/26 - One-Act @ Holdrege
11/23/26 - JH GBB vs Palmer 4:00pm
11/24/26 - Conference One-Act @ Central City



Jr. High Volleyball: A Season of Growth

The Elba Jr. High volleyball team showed great growth throughout the season. Players got a lot of playing time with a small team of just six players to start the season, and seven later on.

Despite their small numbers, the Bluejays found success on the court. Some of the season's biggest highlights were winning the B tournament at Grand Island Lutheran and earning second place at the Silver Lake tournament. The girls continued to work hard and finish strong, ending the season with a win over Palmer.

The Bluejays proved that hard work and teamwork can lead to great things. The team should be proud of all they accomplished and the growth they showed throughout the season!

THE FRESHMAN CLASS

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SELLING

Nov. 2nd – Nov. 22nd

ORDERS WILL ARRIVE ON DEC.4!

Your choice of color!

DARK RED or WHITE

PRICE

6.5 diameter pot with 1 plant – $12

8" diameter pot with 3 plants $20

Questions- Ask the freshman class or contact Mrs. Sims

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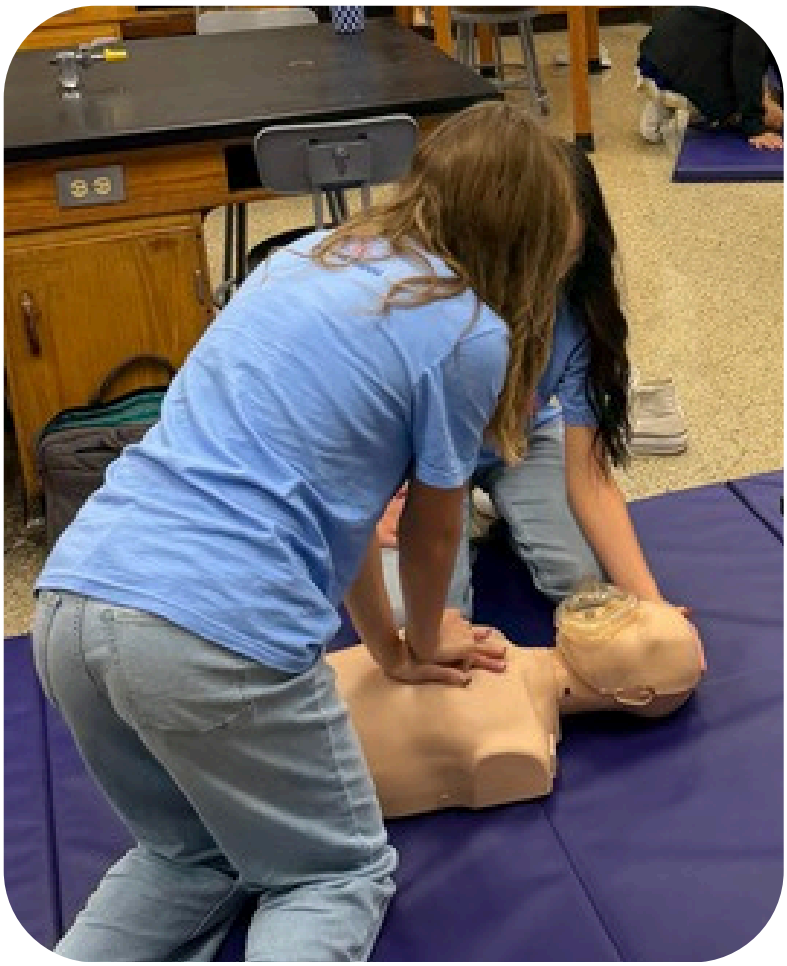
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Color and Size of Flower	How Many	Cost (number x price)
White - 6.5" diameter pot with 1 plant ($12)		
Dark Red - 6.5" diameter pot with 1 plant ($12)		
White - 68" diameter pot with 3 plants ($20)		
Dark Red - 68" diameter pot with 3 plants ($20)		

Order Form & return to front office

checks payable to Elba Public School

EHS HEALTH CAREERS CLASS



Health Careers students learning CPR skills, with assistance from the local volunteer fire department. Mike Higgins will be coming back during the Spring semester to test the students, so that the participants will be officially CPR certified by the end of this school year!

4th and 5th

Hastings Museum Tree Jamboree on Oct 1st. 4th and 5th viewed a planetarium show, dissected owl pellets, and learned all about trees!













HOMECOMING 2026



Congratulations to Ethan Lange and Addison Wysocki, accompanied by Hollis and Kenzie!



Seniors-Hollywood



Juniors- Jurastic Juniors



Freshman- Pirates



Sophomores- Angry Jays



8th Grade-Candy Land



7th Grade- Spiderman

Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the homecoming parade and evening!

Elba Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday, December 5, 2026
10:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Elba Community Center
Elba Nebraska

Santa arrives at 3:00 pm

Homemade Chicken Noodle +
Chili Soup, Sandwiches and Beverages

Bake Sale

Fun Holiday Shopping
Drawings and Door Prizes

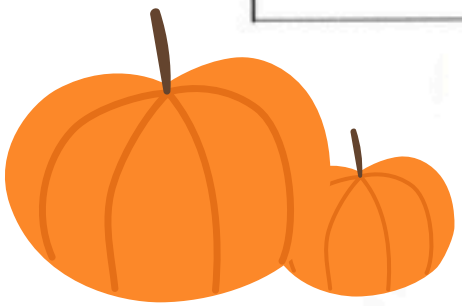
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Information (308) 750-5847 Missy Spilinek

Small Town Brew
Coffee Truck
will be there 8-3



NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 BEEF PATTY CINNAMON ROLL	3 WALKING TACO SCRAMBLED EGGS	4 HAMBURGER SAUSAGE-CHEESE ON TOAST	5 CORN DOGS BANANA BREAD	6 CALZONES SAUSAGE PATTY ON TOAST	7
8	9 HAM PATTY LONG JOHN	10 NACHO DE GRANDE BREAKFAST POCKET	11 CHICKEN NUGGETS MUFFINS	12 CREAMED CHICKEN N BISCUITS BISCUITS N GRAVY	13 TATOR TOT CASSEROLE PANCAKES	14
15	16 HAMBURGER CINNAMON ROLL	17 TATOR TOT TACO CASSEROLE SCRAMBLED SAUSAGE & EGGS	18 10AM START CHICKEN PATTY NO BREAKFAST	19 TURKEY-POTATOES & GRAVY SAUSAGE & TOAST	20 PIZZA FRENCH TOAST STICKS	21
22	23 POPCORN CHICKEN BOWL DONUTS	24 PIZZA STICKS MUFFIN	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 DELI SANDWICH CINNAMON ROLL					



SUBJECT TO CHANGE—THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.





Members of the Elba FFA chapter had the privilege to attend the 99th National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana!

Students had the opportunity to learn and network with individuals from around the country. They listened to inspirational keynote speakers, attended student leadership workshops, and had the chance to connect with over 350 businesses and colleges.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 *10 AM start*	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 *No School*	26 *No School*	27 *No School*	28
29	30					

Hatchlings