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Elgin Middle School Theater Department
presented "Shrek The Musical Jr." earlier this
month. **See PAGE 5 for details.**



Ring In The Holiday Cheer

Elgin ISD elementary
school students led
the annual Elgin
Christmas Concert
on Dec. 8. **See PAGE
4 for more
information.**

Superintendent's Message:

THE most wonderful time of the year! This is such a great time for celebrating the many blessings we have and for looking forward to new beginnings with a new year. This is the time for recharging, reconnecting, and rejuvenating. This is the time to reflect on 2023 and our many accomplishments and highlights.



Dr. Rueter

This is the time we set goals and revisit our commitments. Our students have so many areas of smartness, and every time I am on a campus, administrators and teachers are pointing with pride at their many talents and strengths. Every department that serves our students does so with the motivation of doing everything they can to support student learning and growth. Our community is incredibly supportive of the work we are doing in Elgin ISD, and the growth in our schools is a great opportunity for us to build on the support they provide.

It is with such gratitude that I wish each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Have a blessed holiday season, and may you use this time to enjoy everything that makes life wonderful!

Trip taken to National Instruments

In November, Elgin High School CTE Business students took a field trip to National Instruments in Austin and watched five different schools pitch their incubator projects.

The trip served as an opportunity for students to absorb information and gain inspiration for ideas of their own. We look forward to the pitches our students will make in April.



Campuses, Facilities To Close For Winter Break

Elgin ISD will be on Winter Break from Dec. 18 to Jan. 2. Also, Jan. 3 will be a student holiday/staff development day. Classes resume Jan. 4.

We wish everyone a safe and restful break.



EHS Future Teachers Bound For State Competition

Elgin High School future teachers have qualified for state competition.

On Dec. 2, EHS Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) members competed at the TAFE Area 3 Conference at Texas State University. They qualified for state in 14 of 15 events.

Congratulations to our EHS TAFE students (listed below with their respective competitions):

Breakout Session:

- Stephanie Carbajal-Carbajal
- Crystal Carrillo
- Keira Aldaco
- Gabriella De La Rosa
- Mia Cedillo

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EHS TAFE



- Shelsy Garcia

Chapter Yearbook

- Montserrat Fuentes-Carrillo
- Keira Aldaco
- Shelsy Garcia

Educational Leadership Fundamentals Test

- Stephanie Aguillon-Reyna

Children's Literature (Pre-K)

- Michelle Rico-Cuellar
- Gabriella De La Rosa

Children's Literature (K-3rd grade)

- Stephanie Padilla
- Pricila Cruz

Children's Literature (Pre-K Spanish)

- Selene Plancarte-Borja

Children's Literature (K-3 Spanish)

- Stephanie Carbajal-Carbajal
- Crystal Carrillo

Creative Lecture

- Selene Plancarte-Borja
- Montserrat Fuentes-Carrillo

Interactive Bulletin Board-Elementary (for grades K-5)

- Graciela Lopez
- Mia Cedillo

- Ana Mendez
- Stephanie Aguillon-Reyna

Interactive Bulletin Board-Secondary (for grades 6-12)

- Kaylee Aguirre
- Gabriella De La Rosa

Teacher Created Materials-Elementary (for grades K-5)

- Montserrat Fuentes-Carrillo
- Keira Aldaco
- Shelsy Garcia

Teacher Created Materials-Secondary (for grades 6-12)

- Nathalie Martinez

KVUE Meteorologist Visits Elementary Campuses

KVUE meteorologist Hunter Williams stopped by each of our Elgin ISD elementary campuses as part of Elgin ISD College, Career, Military and Trade Awareness Week activities.

Most recently, Mr. Williams provided Neidig Elementary third- and fourth-grade students a weather-related presentation on topics such as tornadoes, hurricanes and Doppler radar and more.

Hunter Williams



EHS Student Tabbed for Select Ensemble

Elgin High School student Rory Ruiz has been selected to perform at the Heller Awards for Young Artists in April.

Ruiz, a member of the EHS Purple Diamonds, auditioned for the Heller Awards' Select Ensemble, a tuition-free arts program available to Central Texas musical theatre students. Each year, participants learn performance skills for various mediums, to include studio recording, film, and live theatre. In addition to the performance training, students gain skills in promotions, public relations, fundraising and producing.



Ruiz

The Ensemble rehearses from November through April and performs during the awards ceremony, taking place April 17 at the Long Center in Austin. The Heller Awards for Young Artists are also open to high school musical theatre programs in Central Texas.

Fourth-graders Perform in Concert Downtown



A combined choir of Elgin ISD elementary school students led the annual Elgin Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 8 at Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Elgin.



Fourth-grade students from Booker T. Washington, Elgin and Neidig elementary schools were led by choir directors Bridget Causey, Joann Cotner and Maggie Gonzales. Songs performed included "Jingle Bells," "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "Feliz Navidad."

Middle School Students Tour Make It Center In Austin

In early November, Elgin Middle School eighth-grade students visited the Make It Center at the Austin Community College Highland campus.

The students explored endorsement pathways and courses they can take next year when entering high school. They also learned about dual credit opportunities, engaged in hands-on career exploration, and toured the health science and advanced manufacturing departments at ACC.



FFA Students Advance to State

Elgin High School students Selene Plancarte and Preston Maass traveled to Sam Houston State University in Huntsville on Dec. 1 and Dec. 2 to compete at the State FFA Leadership Development Event. They were among the top 24 FFA students in the state, out of more than 400 contestants in each of their contests this year.

Selene advanced to the top 10 finals of the Senior Spanish FFA Creed contest and finished sixth overall at state.

Preston, in only his first year of FFA competition, advanced to state after a second-place finish in the Job Interview category at Area LDE contests. Preston received a semi-finals plaque at state. He was competitive and is looking forward to future FFA competitions in his young career.



Students Make Academic All-State Team

Congratulations to our Elgin High School football players recognized as THSCA Academic All-State.

Nathen Lewis and Paden Maass received 2nd Team Academic All-State recognition, while Omar Palacios and Martin Nunez were recognized as Honorable Mention All-State.

These awards are presented to seniors who are nominated by their coaches and have maintained a 92 or above average for their high school careers.

SECOND TEAM ACADEMIC

ALL-STATE

FOOTBALL

NATHEN LEWIS



SECOND TEAM ACADEMIC

ALL-STATE

FOOTBALL

PADEN MAASS



HONORABLE MENTION ACADEMIC

ALL-STATE

FOOTBALL

MARTIN NUNEZ

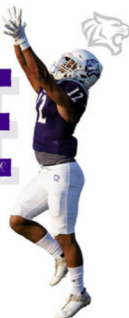


HONORABLE MENTION ACADEMIC

ALL-STATE

FOOTBALL

OMAR PALACIOS



Elgin Middle School Brings Shrek, Donkey, Fiona to Life



Elgin Middle School Theater Department presented "Shrek The Musical Jr." Dec. 8-9 in the EMS cafeteria.

"Shrek The Musical Jr." is based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and Broadway musical. It is presented through special arrangement with Musical Theatre International.

The EMS presentation was led by EMS Theater Director Katie Brock.



EHS Auto Tech Competes

On Nov. 17, the Elgin High School Auto Tech Department took five students to Georgetown High School to compete in the 23rd annual JBL Automotive Competition.

Elgin students participated in a written competition, which included questions from previous ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) tests, as well as competitions on parts identification, tire balancing, brake work, labor rate look up, air conditioning diagnosis and engine light diagnosis.

EHS Winter Dance



Elgin High School and Elgin Middle School Dance departments hosted their annual Winter Dance Show on Nov. 30 at the EHS cafeteria.



EHS Basketball



Your Elgin High School girls varsity basketball team took on Pflugerville during Pink Out Night on Dec. 5 at the EHS gym. The girls are on the road for four consecutive away games before returning home Dec. 21 to take on Georgetown East View.

The EHS boys varsity basketball team took on Jarrell on Nov. 20 at EHS. The boys are away for two games before returning Dec. 28 to face Hyde Park.



EHS Winter Band



Your Elgin High School Band hosted its annual Winter Band Concert on Dec. 7 at the EHS cafeteria.

