



IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Elma Primary School Community,

We had a wonderful week at Elma Primary! We kicked things off by celebrating our successful completion of the *Healthy Kids Challenge*. DJ Milk joined us to celebrate and brought great music, energy, and excitement. It was a blast for our students!

On Tuesday, we held our annual Art Show and Book Fair. Students were excited to see their artwork proudly displayed in the hallways and enjoyed sharing it with their families. We truly have some very talented artists here at Elma! The Book Fair was also a big success, with many students heading home with new reading materials.

We also celebrated Earth Day on April 22. As I walked through the school, it was exciting to see students actively engaged in reading, writing, and learning about ways to care for and protect our beautiful Earth. Our hallways are filled with student work highlighting their ideas and projects focused on protecting our planet.

Upcoming Assessments

Next week, our **3rd grade students** will take the **New York State Mathematics Assessment** on **April 29 and April 30**. Please remember that this assessment is just *one* of several tools used by teachers, schools, and districts to identify students' strengths and areas for continued growth.

For more information about NYS assessments, please view the attached video:

[A Parent's Guide to NYS Testing.mp4](#)

PTO News

Cookies and Canvas – May 1st

- **UPK–Grade 1:** 6:00–7:00 PM
- **Grades 2–3:** 7:15–8:15 PM

Parent volunteers will lead a child-friendly paint night. Students will bring their artwork home that evening. Cookies, juice, and lots of fun included!

Square 1 Art

Catalogs were sent home on **April 16**. Orders are due **May 8**.

TSG Family Dinner Night – April 30

Enjoy a night out with the family at TSG! A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to Elma Primary.

Next PTO Meeting

May 14 at 9:30 AM

Kindergarten Orientation

We will hold an orientation for all incoming kindergarten students on **May 14 at 6:00 PM**.

Students will visit a kindergarten classroom to hear a story and complete a craft with the kindergarten teachers. Parents and guardians will attend a presentation by Mrs. Goldman to learn more about Elma Primary.

Kindergarten Screening

Kindergarten screening for newly registered students will take place **by appointment on May 28**. Appointment letters will be mailed at the beginning of May.

If you are unable to attend your scheduled appointment, please contact the school office at **716-652-3000, ext. 2001**.

Current UPK students will be screened during the school day.

Safety Drills

New York State requires schools to conduct safety drills each year. We will complete our final lockdown drill next week. As the weather improves, we will also be conducting our remaining fire drills.

Spring Weather & Outdoor Play

As temperatures warm, students will spend more time outdoors for recess and school activities. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play, including sneakers and weather-appropriate clothing.

With spring weather also comes tick season. Please note that staff are not permitted to apply bug spray or tick repellent at school. Families are encouraged to take necessary precautions at home before school, such as applying repellent and checking your child and their clothing when they return home.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our students safe and comfortable as we enjoy the spring season!

As we move into this busy time of year, please stay informed by reviewing the weekly message, visiting our school website, and checking the PTO Facebook page for updates.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Goldman