

**Ellsworth Public School
Back to School
Newsletter
2022 - 2023**



SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year at Ellsworth Public Schools!

As the old holiday song goes: "It's the most wonderful time of the year!"

I am certain that as the school year starts back up again that students, staff, and especially parents are really excited to see the school year begin. A great deal of changes have taken place this summer, A number of projects have been completed including an upgrade to the district WIFI system, upgraded staff computers, and a move to digital interactive screens for most classrooms. New English curriculum was purchased for the K-6 grades.

New round tables were purchased for the lunchroom, a sensory room has been added to the weight room area to assist in student physical outlet needs, a new 7 period schedule has been put in place along with a progressive school calendar to maximize learning for all students.

Eight new staff members have been hired to fill open positions and we are excited to have all positions filled at this time. With the educator shortage in the midwest, we are one of the fortunate schools to have all our positions filled. Several new policies concerning cell phone use by students will be put in place this year to create an improved learning atmosphere. Look for updates on that subject in the near future.

Ultimately, schools have the rare opportunity that most businesses do not have; we get to start fresh with a brand new year every September! Everyone here is looking forward to making this one of our best years yet!



**Dave Ackerman
Ellsworth Superintendent**

YOU'RE INVITED!



ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

4:00 - 7:00 PM

ELEMENTARY

PreK - 6

- **Come and see your room**
- **Meet your teacher**
- **Drop off your backpack and supplies**

HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 7-12

At the open house we will be doing a passport signing again. *Students may come and get a passport booklet, put your stuff in your lockers, grab your schedules, and then collect signatures of all the high school teachers. If your passbook is filled with all the high school teachers signatures, we will enter your name in a drawing for an Amazon gift card!*

* Dates To Remember *

EPTO Meeting
August 23rd - 6:30 pm

Open House
September 1st - 4:00-7:00 pm

First Day Of School
September 6th

School Board Meeting
September 19th - 6:00 pm

Early Dismissal
Friday, September 30th - 12:30 pm

ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Serving Rootbeer floats
by the gym!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st
4:00 - 7:00 pm

ELLSWORTH HOLIDAY BAZAAR

OCTOBER 8th
9:00 - 2:00 pm

Details to come in October Newsletter

We would like to welcome our new staff members!

Paul Berg - 5th/6th grade
Dave Dobernecker - Ag and Shop
Chelsea Patrick - Art
Lori Romans - FACS
Ashley Mundt - PE
Andrea Gaul - High School Science
Christine Lovett - High School
Special Education

Some of our current staff will be
taking on new roles:

Lauren Van Briesen - Title I
Jen Huisman - 4th grade
Casey Klosterbuer - High School
Social Studies
Ali Dinger, Chelsea Patrick, and Amy
Labat will be sharing Music.

High School - Grades 7-12 OPEN HOUSE

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!! ONLINE REGISTRATION !!

If you were not able to complete the online registration you can come to the open house on Thursday, September 1st, 4 - 7 PM. Chromebooks will be available to use.

Becca Dreesen
At Risk Coordinator

I would like to introduce myself and inform you of the new role I will have at Ellsworth Public School.



Most of you probably know who I am as I am a lifelong resident of Ellsworth. After graduating from EHS I went to the University of South Dakota and received my degree in Criminal Justice. After graduation I worked in many capacities at Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia working with male juvenile's in a correctional setting for 17 years. I then went to work at the family plumbing and heating business in Ellsworth for the past 9 years but decided I was ready to find a career where I could work with kids again. So, I am the new At-Risk Coordinator for Ellsworth Public School. I will be working with students, families, and other agencies to prevent truancy, drop outs, at-risk behaviors, criminal activities, tardiness, and other areas that are deemed necessary to help students be successful. When school personnel, area agencies, parents or students make referrals, we will work collaboratively to assist the student as a team and provide consistent guidance to resolve problems which may be preventing school success. The At-Risk Coordinator is an important link between the school and community agencies, which provide services necessary to resolve problems that can inhibit a student's school success. All students attending school at Ellsworth are eligible for At-Risk services.

September 2022 Calendar



SUN.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
				1 School Open House 4:00-7:00 FB Minneota (H)	2 CC @ Mt. Lake	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 First Day of School JH VB Edg Chr. (H)	7	8 JH VB H-BC (A) JH FB MCC (A)	9 FB TMB (A)	10
11	12 JH VB Pipestone (H) CC @ Marshall	13 VB MLA-C (A)	14	15 JH VB H-BC (H) VB MCC (H) @ Ellsworth JH FB Wgtn (H) CC @ Wgtn	16 FG Sleepy Eye (H)	17
18	19 School Board Meeting 6:00 pm JH VB Edg Chr (A) CC @ Windom	20 VB Edg. (A)	21	22 VB W-WG (H) JH FB Pipestone (H) CC @ JCC	23 FB MCW (A)	24
25	26 JH VB Luverne (A)	27 JH VB Edg. (A) CC @ MCC	28	29 VB SWC (H) JH FB JCC (A)	30 Early Dismissal 12:30 pm FG MN Valley Lutheran (H)	



SEPTEMBER 2022 LUNCH

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

<p>THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER</p>			1	2
<p>5 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>6 Corn Dogs Bread Green Beans Fruit Milk</p>	<p>7 Hamburger on a Bun Baked Beans Fruit Milk</p>	<p>8 Super Nacho Corn Bread Fruit Milk</p>	<p>9 Scalloped Potatoes and Ham Peas Bread Fruit Milk</p>
<p>12 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Fruit Milk</p>	<p>13 Hot Pork on a Bun Carrots Fruit Milk</p>	<p>14 Taco Haystacks Bread Fruit Milk</p>	<p>15 Goulash Peas Bread Fruit Milk</p>	<p>16 Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Beans Fruit Milk</p>
<p>19 Pork Choppette Baked Beans Fruit Milk</p>	<p>20 Grilled Chicken Patty w, Wild rice Corn Fruit Milk</p>	<p>21 Hot Dog on a Bun Sweet Potato Tots Fruit Milk</p>	<p>22 Turkey Subs Dk Green Lettuce Fruit Milk</p>	<p>23 Tater Tot Hotdish Green Beans Bread Fruit Milk</p>
<p>26 Chicken Fried Steak Corn Bread Fruit Milk</p>	<p>27 Spaghetti Hotdish Green Beans Garlic Toast Fruit Milk</p>	<p>28 Cheese Pizza Glazed Carrots Fruit Milk</p>	<p>29 BBQ on a Bun Baked Beans Fruit Milk</p>	<p>30 Shrimp Poppers Cheese Stick DK Green Lettuce Bread Fruit Milk</p>



SEPTEMBER 2022 BREAKFAST



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

			1	2
5 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY!!!!	6 Waffles w/ syrup Fruit Juice Milk	7 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	8 Coffee Cake Fruit Juice Milk	9 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
12 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	13 Funnel Cake Fruit Juice Milk	14 Ham/Egg/Cheese On a Biscuit Fruit Juice Milk	15 Pop Tarts Yogurt Fruit Juice milk	16 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
19 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	20 French Toast Sticks Sausage Link Fruit Juice Milk	21 Hashbrown Egg Bake Fruit Juice Milk	22 Mini Donuts Fruit Juice Milk	23 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Juice Milk
26 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	27 Mini Pancakes Fruit Juice Milk	28 Omelet Toast Fruit Juice Milk	29 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	30 Cereal Toast w/ Jelly Fruit Juice Milk

ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

2022-2023 Calendar

AUGUST 2022

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Aug. 30-Sept. 1 Teacher In-Service

FEBRUARY 2023

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

Feb. 16 - 12:30 Dismissal

Feb. 17-20 - No School

Feb. 24 - Q3 Mid-term

SEPTEMBER 2022

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

Sept. 1 - Open House 4-7 PM

Sept. 5 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

Sept. 6 - First Day of School

Sept. 30 - 12:30 Dismissal

MARCH 2023

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

Mar. 25 - End of Q3 (42 days)

Mar. 26 - No School - Staff Development

Mar. 27 - Start of Q4

Mar. 30 - 12:30 Dismissal, PT Conf. 2-7

OCTOBER 2022

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30	31					

Oct. 7 - Q1 Mid-term

Oct. 19 - 12:30 dismissal

Oct. 20-21 - Fall Break

APRIL 2023

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Apr. 3-7 - Spring Break

Apr. 28 - Q4 Mid-term

NOVEMBER 2022

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Nov. 4 - End of Q1 (42 days)

Nov. 7 - Start of Q2

Nov. 10 - 12:30 Dismissal

Nov. 10 - Parent/Teacher Conf. 2:00-7:00

Nov. 23-24 Thanksgiving Break

MAY 2023

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

May 26 - 12:30 Dismissal

May 26 - End of Q4 (40 days)

May 26 - Graduation 7 PM

May 29 - Memorial Day

May 30 - Staff Development

DECEMBER 2022

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Dec. 9 - Q2 Mid-term

Dec. 21 - 12:30 Dismissal - No PD

Dec. 22-Jan. 2 Winter Break

JUNE 2023

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
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JULY 2023

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Jan. 19 - End of Q2 (43 days)

Jan. 20 - No School - Staff Development

Jan. 23 - Start of Q3

■	Teacher In-Service
■	12:30 Dismissal In-Service
■	No School or In-Service
■	Beginning of term
■	12:30 dismissal-No In-Service

If there are more snow days after using the 5 E-learning days, we will use April 3, 4, 5. Any make-up days beyond that will be at the discretion of the school board.

■	Parent-Teacher Conferences
■	Mid-term
■	Graduation
■	End of Term
■	No School - Teacher comp day

167 Student Days 8:10-3:10

174 Teacher Days

2022-2023 FEES

<u>Food Service Prices</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>K-6</u>	<u>7-12</u>
Lunch Daily	\$ 4.95	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.90
Reduced Lunch Daily		\$.00	\$.00
Breakfast	\$ 2.65	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.65
Milk per carton	\$.35	\$.35	\$.35
Milk per semester		\$32.00	
Milk per year		\$64.00	

<u>Activity Tickets</u>	<u>All Season</u>
Family	\$175.00
Adult-punch card 10 punches	\$50.00
Student punch card 10 punches	\$30.00
Student Season Pass	\$35.00
Seniors (65+)	FREE

<u>Admission Prices</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Students</u>
Sport Events	\$6.00	\$4.00
Play	\$6.00	\$4.00

<u>Activity Fee</u>	<u>7-12</u>	
Per Sport	\$50.00	Family Max \$200.00

ChromeBook Insurance

\$30.00 Per Student	\$50.00 Family Max
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Class Dues:

Grades 7-8	\$5.00
Grade 9	\$10.00
Grade 10	\$10.00
Grade 11	\$10.00
Grade 12	\$10.00

Driver Ed. Fee	\$300.00
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Indoor Air Quality Parent Notification

August 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Re: Indoor Air Quality (Ellsworth Public School)

I.S.D. #514 now has in place a program to monitor and improve indoor air quality at our school. The Ellsworth School District considers no objective more important than providing its employees, students, and visitors a healthy, safe environment. Because we believe that indoor air quality is essential to this objective we are sending this notification to inform parents, students and staff of our program to monitor and improve indoor air quality.

As part of the program implementation, an Indoor Air Quality Coordinator has been appointed. An annual walk-through will be performed by the Coordinator to evaluate school facilities for obvious water intrusion, ventilation failures, structural problems, overall cleanliness, and the status of the O & M program.

In that we have adopted the EPA's Tools for Schools, the guidelines contained therein will be used to evaluate all classrooms, ventilation systems, and building maintenance issues.

The District's response to parental concerns will be timely and direct. Parent's questions are always welcome. If a concern would arise we ask the parent to contact John Willey, Indoor Air Quality Coordinator. The Coordinator will be able to assist in evaluating the child's home or other out of school situation. Additional information is available to parents about school facility construction; maintenance, housekeeping practices, chemicals used, mold and HVAC related information, and other activities that may contribute to a child's symptoms.

ISD #514 accepts the responsibility of monitoring indoor air quality and will/has conducted a survey of the mechanical ventilation rate of each occupied space in the District.

Ellsworth Public School is proud to be taking a leadership role in providing a safe, comfortable, and productive environment for our students and staff so that we achieve our core mission-educating students. Our school will continue to follow EPA guidance to improve our indoor air quality by preventing as many problems as possible.

If you would have any questions or concerns about this or any other health and safety program please contact us at 507-967-2242.

Sincerely,

Amy Labat

Annual Asbestos Notification

2022-2023 School Year

As a result of recent federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act – AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent new inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials. ISD #514 has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as, the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, ISD #514 shall continue to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our community's youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings (including portables and support buildings) owned or leased by the school district were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and an independent laboratory analyzed samples. Based on the inspection, the district prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly.

Furthermore, ISD #514 has completed its AHERA 3-year re-inspection requirements every three years. The districts buildings, where asbestos-containing materials were found, are under repair, removal and Operations and Maintenance.

This past year, ISD #514 conducted the following with respect to its asbestos containing building materials:

Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called "surveillance") every six months of each area containing asbestos. Also the law requires for all buildings to be re-inspected every three years after a management plan is in effect. This will be accomplished under contract by Advanced Health, Safety and Security.

Short-term workers (outside contractors) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information.

ISD #514 has a list of the location(s), type(s) of asbestos-containing materials found in that school building and a description and timetable for their proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the school office. Copies are available at 25 cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to the district office, which will establish contact with our Account Manager under contract with Advanced Health, Safety and Security. To reach Advanced Health, Safety and Security to discuss the management of our asbestos materials or with any questions, call 605-430-8842.