



Ellsworth Public School Newsletter February 2023

It's a new year and a great time to be a panther! We concluded our Snow Week activities the week of January 9-13. We had some fun dress-up days and the boys won in the game played here in Ellsworth. One project I'm looking forward to is Bake for Good. Mrs. Romans' cooking classes will work with grade 4 and 5 to bake bread and deliver that bread to the nursing home. Thanks to Mrs. Romans on the time and effort she put into obtaining the grant and planning this activity. It is this type of activity that makes our school so special.

We would like to remind families that we will have school all day on Thursday, February 16th and we will have school with a 12:30 dismissal on Friday, February, 17th. We will also have school on Friday, March 24th until 12:30. Some have asked why we called snow days rather than e-learning days after the break. The two main reasons were: 1) We had already used three of our five e-learning days and there is a lot of winter left. 2) The students didn't have all of the materials they needed to complete assignments. We put a great deal of thought and consideration into making these decisions and ultimately decided having face-to-face make-up days would be better than e-learning days right after a long break.

Lastly, we need bus drivers. We have one, possibly two drivers retiring at the end of this school year. If we do not find anyone to replace them, we will not be able to have three routes. It could be devastating to our school if we are not able to provide transportation for all the families who need it. I have my bus license and would like to share my experience. During COVID, my last school had extra routes because we couldn't have as many kids on each bus. I have my bus license so I was asked to drive a route. I thought it would be terrible, but the money was good so I agreed. It turned out to be a blessing. I got to see the sunrise every morning and was the first and last face the kids saw each day. Yes, the kids can be a little rambunctious from time to time, but stopping the bus and asking them to sit down or calling parents usually took care of any issues. Being a bus driver is a very important job. If this is something you are even remotely interested in doing, please come talk to me in the office. I would love to alleviate any concerns you might have or have you ride along on a route to see that it can actually be pretty fun.



That's it for this month. Let's have a great February and remember, it's always a great day to be a Panther!

-Ms. Labat - Principal

FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1	2 GBB Edg. (H) JH GBB Pipestone (A) JH BB Pipestone (H)	3 BB RRC (H)	4
5	6 GB MLA-C (H) @ Ellsworth	7 BB H-LP (A) JH GB/BB Conf. Tourn. EPTO Mtg. 6:30	8	9 BB Edg (A) JH GB/BB Conf. Tourn.	10	11 JH GB/BB Conf. Tourn.
12	13 BB Luverne (A)	14 GB H-BC (H) @ Ellsworth VALENTINES DAY	15	16 FULL DAY OF SCHOOL GB SWC (H)	17 EARLY DISMISSAL 12:30 BB MCC (A)	18
19 FFA WEEK (19th - 25th)	20 Presidents Day NO SCHOOL GB W-WG (A)	21 BB SWC (H) @ Ellsworth Burger Feed Starts @ 5:00 School Board Meeting - 5:30	22	23 GB Sub-Section ECFE 5:30	24 BB MLA-C (H)	25 GB Sub-Section
26	27 BB H-BC (A)	28 GB Sub-Section				



High Honor Roll/Honor Roll

2nd Quarter

2022 - 2023 School Year

HIGH HONORS

NAME	GRADE
Breklyn Dreesen	7
Avery Jenniges	7
Angela Lenz	7
Kendra Leuthold	7
Addison Wallenberg	7
Joshua Honken	8
Maggie Lenz	9
Aurora Lewis	9
Joel Trotter	10
Landon Leuthold	11
Paige Bixby	12
Destiny Gibbens	12
Matilyn Mulder	12
Claire Popkes	12

HONORS

NAME	GRADE
Jackson Jenniges	7
Austin Lefdal	7
Gabriel Onken	7
Gretchen Lefdal	8
Maliya Nave	8
Kaci Palmer	8
Darwin Demarrias	9
Nathaniel Onken	9
Caycee Bixby	10
Rylan Bixby	10
Colton Blom	10
Andrea Honken	10
Kiyra McClain	10
Harley Blom	11
Logan Bossert	11
Katherine Buntjer	11
Sierra Custer	11
Joshua Jansma	11
Sadie Shay	11
Angelo Trotter	11
Cecelia Lenz	12
Emily Munoz	12
Seth Shay	12
Kaisin Torres	12
Jazlyn Vander Poel	12
Gabriel Wiebrand	12

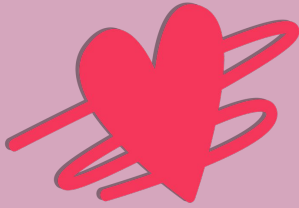


February 2023 Breakfast Menu



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER		1 Omelet Toast w/Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	2 Long John Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	3 Cereal Toast w/Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
6 Cereal Toast w/Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	7 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Sausage Link Fruit Juice Milk	8 Hashbrown- Egg Bake Toast w/Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	9 Pop Tarts Fruit Juice Milk	10 Cereal Toast w/Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
13 Cereal Toast w/Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	14 Pancakes w/Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	15 Breakfast Combo Bar Fruit Juice Milk	16 Coffee Cake Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	17 Cereal Toast w/Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
20 NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS DAY	21 Mini Waffles w/Syrup Sausage Link Fruit Juice Milk	22 Ham, Egg and Cheese on a Biscuit Fruit Juice Milk	23 Cinnamon Rolls Fruit Juice Milk	24 Cereal Toast w/Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
27 Cereal Toast w/Jelly Fruit Juice Milk	28 Funnel Cakes Fruit Juice Milk			MENU SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

February 2023 Lunch Menu



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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PROVIDER

1
Turkey Gravy over
Mashed Potatoes
Carrots
Bread
Fruit
Milk

2
Goulash
Peas
Bread
Fruit
Milk

3
Chicken Fried
Steak
Broccoli
Fruit
Milk

6
Baked Potato
w/Toppings
Bread
Fruit
Milk

7
Spaghetti
Carrots
Garlic Toast
Fruit
Milk

8
Chicken Nuggets
Lettuce w/Ranch
Bread
Fruit
Milk

9
Chili
Cinnamon Rolls
Crackers
w/Cheese
Fruit
Milk

10
Tater Tot Hotdish
Peas
Dinner Roll
Fruit
Milk

13
Hamburger
On a Bun
Carrots
Fruit
Milk

14
Chicken Alfredo
Green Beans
Breadstick
Fruit
Milk

15
Hot Ham and
Cheese
Cream Corn
Fruit
Milk

16
Taco Haystacks
Bread
Fruit
Milk

17
Corn Dogs
Corn Chips
w/Salsa
Carrots
Bread
Fruit
Milk

20
PRESIDENTS
DAY
NO SCHOOL

21
Hot Dog on a Bun
Sweet Potato
Puffs
Fruit
Milk

22
Shrimp Poppers
Cheese Stick
Peas
Dinner Roll
Fruit
Milk

23
Super Nachos
Peas
Bread
Fruit
Milk

24
Cheese Pizza
Corn
Fruit
Milk

27
Chicken Fajita
Green Beans
Fruit
Milk

28
BBQ on a Bun
Baked Beans
Fruit
Milk

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Important Dates

Dance Camp Performance
February 6th - around 7:45pm

EPTO Mtg.
February 7th -- 6:30pm

Full Day of School
February 16th

Early Dismissal --12:30pm
February 17th

National FFA Week
February 19th - 25th

Presidents Day
February 20th - NO SCHOOL

School Board Meeting
February 21st -- 5:30pm

Burger Feed at school
February 21st - 5:00 till start of Varsity game

ECFE
February 23rd - 5:30pm



Dress Up Days

Feb. 20 - 24

Mon: NO SCHOOL

Tues: Plaid/Farmer Day

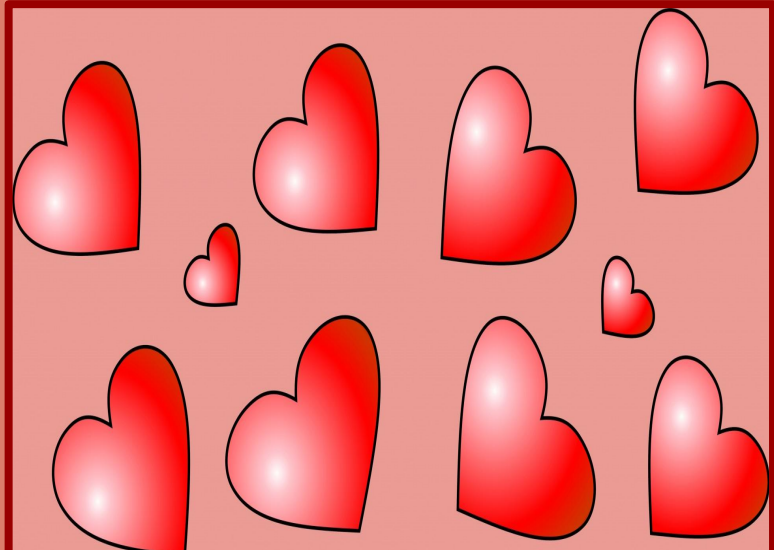
Wed: Camo & Orange Day

Thur: Tractor Color Day

Fri: Blue and Gold Day

EPTO NEWS

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY
7TH AT 6:30
IN THE LIBRARY**



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT 2023



Class Motto



You're On Your Own. And You Know What
You Know. And You're The One Who'll
Decide Where to Go.

- Dr. Seuss

Claire is the daughter of Darrin and Nancy Popkes. She has two siblings, Megan (Post) and Dalton. She celebrates her birthday on September 28th. Classes for this Senior are: College Biology, Economics, Service Learning/TA, Independent Living Skills, and many other various college classes. With Service Learning/TA being her favorite. Other favorites of Claire's include, Tacos, the color Blue and teacher Mrs. Romans. A favorite memory Claire has from High School is when she made the game winning free-throws against MLA-C in Ellsworth! An Elementary memory is the time when Mr. Palm and Seth were Kung Fu fighting in 4th grade, with music and all! Claire's extracurricular activities include: Volleyball, basketball, FFA, student council, NHS, and 4-H. With basketball and FFA being her favorite. In her spare time she says she loves spending time with her nieces or cleaning. Claire enjoys working as a nanny in the summer and also cleaning houses for many people. She says the best part about her job is getting to spend time with the kids everyday. As for advice to underclassmen: "Take advantage of the opportunities given to you in high school, whether that be PSEO classes, extra curriculars, and more!"

Claire's future plans are to go to a SDSU in the fall and to major in early childhood education and also get a minor in agricultural marketing or communications.

Good Luck with your future plans Claire!



Claire Emily Popkes

Class of 2023



Cecelia Rose Lenz



Cecelia (CeCe) is the daughter of Jeremy and Suzanne Lenz. She celebrates her birthday on May 24th, CeCe has three siblings, Drew, Anthony and Maggie. Classes Cecelia is taking this year include: Mythology, College Bio., Psychology, Sociology, and Independent Living. with Independent Living being her favorite class. If you would like to take CeCe out to eat for her favorite food, you could treat her to Mac and Cheese. Her favorite color is purple, and her favorite teacher would be Mrs. Romans. A favorite High School memory of CeCe's cooking with all her friends and all the laughs they had!. And a favorite memory from elementary would be going to the gym and playing with the giant parachute. Riding four wheeler she says is her favorite pastime.

When not in school you can find CeCe working at Parkview Manor. She says the best part about her job is helping others and all the new relationships she has made. Her advice to underclassmen: "Don't worry about what other people think of you, just be yourself" As for her plans after High School: Cecelia plans on becoming a labor and delivery nurse.

"Best Wishes to your Future, Cecelia!"



Destiny is the daughter of Katrina and Brian. She has one brother, Aidan. Destiny's birthday is August 25th. The classes she is taking this year are: Small Engines, Ag Production, Independent Living Skills, Economics, Communications, Strategic Reading, Study Skills, Children Literature, Advances Art, Service Learning TA, Choir, Ag Business, and World Foods. With her favorite being Choir. Some of Destiny's other favorites include: favorite food is Steak and her favorite color is Teal. When asked who her favorite teacher is, she said Ms. Patrick. Destiny is also involved in Track, One of her favorite memories from High School is when they did the baking soda and vinegar in a soda bottle. And a favorite Elementary memory of hers was in a different school, but was the time they went to the zoo in Sioux Falls. In Destiny's spare time she loves singing! Destiny's dream job would be working in a diesel truck shop somewhere. She says the best part about that job would be: she gets to work on trucks!. Her advice to underclassmen is: "If you fail, try again!". As for Destiny's future plans. She plans on attending college.

Best Of Luck Destiny!



Destiny Alivia Grace Gibbens

Fabulous in 4th Grade!

THE LUCKY SEVEN

Dominic * Will * Ezra * Vinny * Jennifer * Alejandro * Marcella

What have we been learning so far this year?

- Reading: comprehension, identifying the central idea of a text, elements of drama and poetry, identifying PLOT and identifying literary elements in different genres. RTI, AR/flashlight reading, spelling, writing, cursive, grammar.
- Math: division and place value
- Social Studies: the regions of the USA, memorizing the states and Capitals
- Science: the water cycle and The MN Rural Water Poster Contest
- Specials: Phy Ed, Music, Art and Library



Our favorite things we enjoy doing together:

Big Foot of the Month, Silent Ball, 4 Corners, freetime in the classroom to craft, put together puzzles and build things, milk/snack break with Mrs. Huisman reading aloud Little House on the Prairie, classroom art time, celebrating birthdays of classmates, Desk Pets, Panther Store, Panther of the Month, our classroom jobs, and snow forts at recess!

The Extras that we have participated in or, are looking forward to:

Homecoming week and parade, pep fests, trick-or-treating, music concerts, nursing home visits, Christmas celebrations, Baking Bread with the FACS class - Sun Bread, March Madness, Read Across America Week, Respect Lunch, Minnesota Week - You Betcha!, life cycle of a chicken in our classroom, rock tumbling, warmer weather, end of year field trips and celebrations!



FFA Week

February 19 - 25



Dress Up Days

Monday: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday: Plaid/Farmers Day

Wednesday: Camo & Orange Day

Thursday: Tractor Color Day

Friday: Blue and Gold Day

FOOD DRIVE COMPETITION

Bring your cans and non-perishable items to the FFA food drive during FFA week! There will be 3 boxes located in front of the office with each teacher's name on it. The teachers participating this year are Mr.K, Mr. Palm, and Mr.Berg. There are three different levels to reach. 40 items= the teachers with those amounts in their boxes will have to eat a sour-cream and onion flavored cricket. 75 items= Salt n' vinegar flavored cricket. At 125 items, the teachers have to eat a bacon and cheese flavored cricket!

All-Staff Breakfast

All staff is invited to be served breakfast by the FFA members on Friday, February 24th at 7:45am!

Place: FACS Room

Food: French Toast, Fruit, and Sausage

Beverages: Coffee, Milk, and Orange Juice



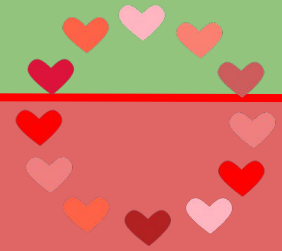
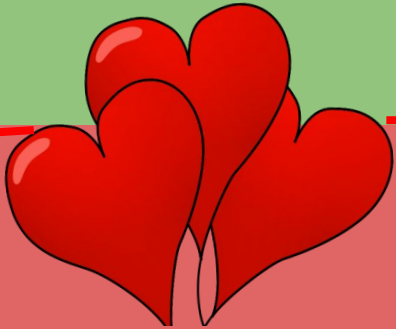
ART CLASS!!



We are kicking off the new semester with an introduction to the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design for the 9-12 graders. The K-7th have been focussing on the Motivated and Non-Motivated Functions in Art, and we are working on establishing a better understanding of the Principles. The K-4th grade have also been learning about Minnesota American Indian tribal and community art. Kindergarten students have been working on beads made of air dry clay that look like the beads our indigenous people would have worn for ceremonious purposes. The first graders have been working with air dry clay to make animals the indigenous people of Minnesota have encountered in the area. The 3rd/4th graders are currently working on replicated "birchwood" boxes made from cardboard.

The art room will be full of new concepts from K-12 here in the new semester. I look forward to seeing what their minds will create with the criteria set for each class. Each class has an opportunity to enter their art in the all school fair at the end of the year.

-Chelsea Patrick

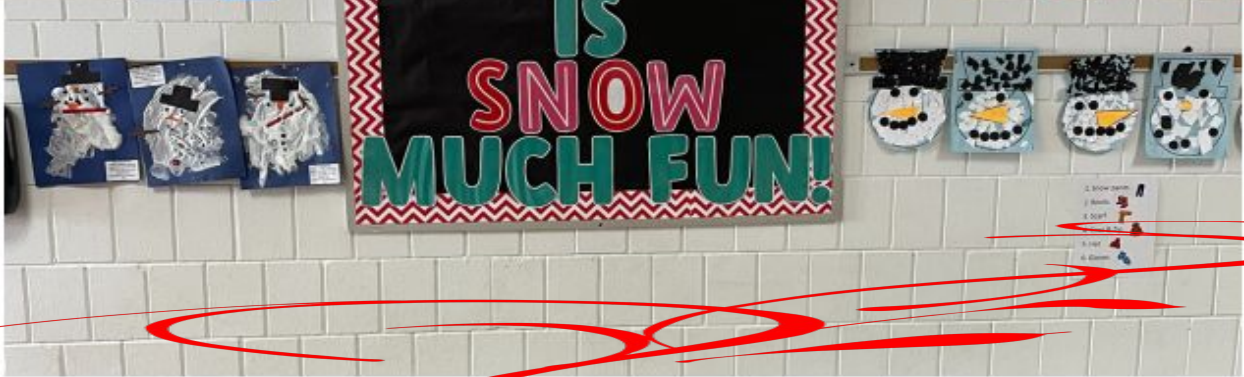


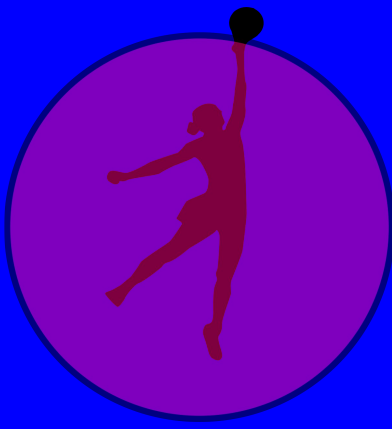
FACS

Starting a new semester in the FCS classroom with some new faces and some old friends from the first semester. This semester classes being shared are Textiles, Advanced Foods, Child Development, 8th Grade FCS, Service Learning (TA), and World Foods. Textile students are starting by choosing their first project, learning to knit. Child Development is beginning to investigate the different Child Development Theorists and how these people have revolutionized how children are brought up in the home and how they are taught in early education. Advanced foods, 8th Grade FCS, and World Foods Have taken on a community service project along with King Arthur Flour Company, Nobles County Sheriff's Office and Security Savings Bank to "Bake for Good" with the 4-5-6th Graders. On February 21st-24th the students in the FCS food classes along with the 4-5-6th graders will be baking bread; each group will make two loaves of bread, one to go home with the student and one that will be donated to Parkview Manor. Mrs. Romans is seeking 19 additional adult volunteers to help with the baking on February 22-23, 2023. Times that we will be baking are 9:05-9:57 (11 needed), 12:10-1:02 (4 needed), and 2:00-2:52 (4 needed). If you are interested please contact the school and sign up.

-Mrs. Romans

Preschool





ADRIAN-ELLSWORTH GIRLS BASKETBALL 2022-2023

THE ADRIAN ELLSWORTH GBB TEAM STARTED THE 22-23 SEASON OFF WITH A NICE AND REDEEMING WIN OVER THE HLP WOLVES AT THE MN WEST GYM THIS YEAR WITH A SCORE OF 51-22 GIVING GREAT LIGHT AND HOPE FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON. SINCE THEN THE PROGRAM HAS SEEN SOME GREAT HIGHS AND SOME PRETTY TOUGH LOWS WITH THE COMING AND GOING OF EACH GAME. DESPITE LOSING SOME GAMES THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN EASY WINS FOR THE TEAM THE GIRLS HAVE SEEN GREAT INDIVIDUAL GOAL ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR THIS YEAR. SENIOR CAPTION CLAIRE POPKES HAS DONE A GREAT JOB FINDING THE BUCKET THIS YEAR COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. POPKES IS ONE OF THE LEADERS ON THE COURT FOR THE DRAGONS AND ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS THE OFFENSES FLOW THE WAY THEY DO. SHE STARTS AND RUNS MOST PLAYS AND COMMUNICATES WELL TO HER TEAM MAKING A GREAT TEAM/PROGRAM CAPTION. MATTIE MULDER IS ALSO A RETURNING SENIOR FOR THE PROGRAM WHO GIVES US GREAT REBOUNDING STATS DOWN LOW. MULDER HAS A CAN-DO ATTITUDE AND IS WILLING TO PLAY AND DO WHATEVER POSITION IS ASKED OF HER. HER GO-GETTER ATTITUDE IS A NEED IN THE LOCKER ROOM FOR THOSE THAT SEEM TO HAVE LITTLE FAITH IN THEIR BASKETBALL ABILITIES. THE TEAMS OTHER SENIOR CAPTION IS MADDIE WAGNER. WAGNER HAS BEEN ON VARSITY SINCE SOPHOMORE YEAR AND HAS BEEN A STEADY GO TO SINCE THEN AS WELL. SHE HAS SOLID DEFENSE FOR THE TEAM AND MUCH LIKE MULDER REBOUNDS WELL FOR THE DRAGONS. SHE AND POPKES WORK WELL TOGETHER AS A GOOD VOICE AND FACE FOR THE GBB PROGRAM. TO FINISH OFF THE SENIORS IS CLAIRE HOFFMAN. HOFFMAN BRINGS GREAT GUARD DEFENSE AND MAKES SURE HER OPPONENT IS TAKING CARE OF THE BALL. HOFFMAN LIKES TO PUSH HER TEAMMATES IN PRACTICE TO BETTER THE FUTURE FOR THE PROGRAM AS WELL MAKING HER A FUN AND GREAT TEAMMATE. SOME OTHER KEY PLAYERS THE DRAGONS THANKFULLY RETURNED THIS YEAR WERE FORWARD KATIE BUNTJER, AND GUARD SADIE KRAHLING. BOTH BROUGHT GOOD MINUTES AND STATS LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR TO THE TEAM. THE DRAGONS ARE HOPING TO END THE SEASON PLAYING BETTER AND MORE AGGRESSIVE BALL STARTING ON THE DEFENSIVE END WHICH HOPEFULLY THEN WILL RESULT IN A SEEDING TOWARDS THE MIDDLE OF THE PACK COME PLAYOFF TIME.



-COACH JESS HERMELING-REYNE



EPTO DANCE CAMP

EPTO will be hosting a Dance Camp again for any students in grades K-6th. Students should have turned in their permission slips by January 20th to Mrs. Deutsch. Dance Camp will be held after school from 3:10-4:30 in the second grade room the week of January 30-February 3. They should bring a water bottle to every practice. They will perform February 6 during half time of the varsity game (around 7:45). Students should be here at 6 pm that night (meet in the second grade room). Students will get pizza for supper that night, but should bring a water bottle for supper and the performance. The night of - students should come in black pants/leggings, and they will be given a shirt the night of the performance. If you have any questions, contact Leah Deutsch.



BLOW POP SALES

Blow Pops will go on sale January 23, and will be sold until February 10. The Student Council will collect orders from grades 7-12 during Advisory on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. They will collect orders from Prek-6th grade on Monday and Thursday mornings. Each Blow Pop is \$0.25, and a bouquet of 5 is \$1. Money must be collected when orders are placed. They will be delivered on February 14.



COMMUNITY CLUB EVENT

Build Your Own Burger

February, 21st
Adrian/Ellsworth vs SWC Boys
@ Ellsworth
Serving From: 5:00 to
start of Varsity game
In The E.H.S. Cafeteria

Serving

Hamburgers with all the fixings
Chips-Bars-Water
\$7.50 per meal
\$4.00 extra hamburger

Sponsored By The
Ellsworth Community Club
Sophomore Class
Rock - Nobles Cattlemen



BURGER FEED

MUSICAL NEWS



Tickets are now on sale for Ellsworth's production of "Disney's Moana Jr" for March 10 and 11 at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$12 each, and include a meal and the performance. The meal will be served from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm on both nights. There will be tickets for just the performance available each night, as well as concessions. The meal will be spaghetti with a variety of sides and desserts. If there are any parents of drama kids willing to help in the kitchen, please email Mrs. Kramer at rachel.kramer@ellsworth.mntm.org.

Practices will start being in the gym later this month, otherwise they will be in Mrs. Kramer's room upstairs. Chorus students (grades 3–6) should start attending practices this month. Make sure to bring your script every day to practice, and to practice at home with the choreography and songs (posted in google classroom). If you cannot make practice, or have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kramer.

Please note that the practice schedule is also posted in google classroom under materials, and that we will not have practice Monday, February 20th, due to no school that day.

–Mrs. Kramer



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When you buy from Casey's and use their rewards program you can simply turn your points into a donation to our school. 🏠 🍷

Help us make the most of this program and learn more at caseys.com/schools. Contact Jenni Gaul with any other questions.

Casey's REWARDS

HERE FOR GOOD