

October 2026 Newsletter



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

[Bound Link for Athletic Schedules](#)

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Homecoming
Parade 8:30

3

Homecoming
Dance 8:30-10:30

4

5

NCC College Visit
12:30

6

7

ASVAB
11th Grade

Dakota State
College Visit 9:00

8

9

USF College Visit
11:30

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11

12

NHS Induction
Ceremony - 7:00

Choir to SMSU

13

14

Early Dismissal
12:30

15

No School
MEA Break

16

No School
MEA Break

17

18

19

School Board
Mtg. - 6:00

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

Superhero Dress
Up Day

27

28

Red & White
Dress Up Day

29

SDSU College
Visit 10:00

30

Costume Day

31

Halloween
Comm. Club
Halloween Party
4:00-6:00

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

OCTOBER 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
			1 Stuffed Waffle BBQ on a Bun Baked Beans Fruit	2 Cereal Brats/Bun Wax Beans Fruit	
5 Choc. Cake Donut Chicken HotDish Veg Mix. Fruit	6 Muffin Hamburger/Bun Peas Fruit	7 Pancake/Stick Pulled Pork/Bun Coleslaw Fruit	8 Bavarian Donut Chicken Cheddar on Bun Broccoli Bites Apples	9 Cereal Scalloped Potatos w/Ham Green Beans & Fruit	
12 Omelet Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Wax Beans & Fruit	13 Mini Bagel Hot Dog/Bun Potato Salad Fruit	14 Egg Sandwich Pizza Cheese Curds Fruit	15 NO SCHOOL	16 NO SCHOOL	
19 Danish Chix. Pot Pie Peas/Carrots Fruit	20 French Toast Stix Panther Bowl Corn Fruit	21 Coffee Cake Meatball Sub Mixed Veggies Fruit	22 Strudel Bites Corn Dogs Hashbrowns Carrots & Fruit	23 Cereal Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Garlic Bread Fruit	For any comments, questions, compliments or concerns regarding food service, please contact: Marge Trupe Marge.Trupe@isd514.org <i>Menu is subject to change without notice.</i> "Fruit" may include apples, bananas, grapes, watermelon, pears, pineapple, oranges, apple sauce, peaches, etc.
26 Asst. Donuts Chicken Strips Rice Squash & Fruit	27 Breakfast Pizza Nachos Chuckwagon Corn Fruit	28 Breakfast Burrito Sloppy Joe/Bun Chips Fruit	29 Mini Donuts Hamburger Hot Dish Glazed Carrots & Fruit	30 Cereal Mummy Dogs Mummy Teeth Witches Fingers Pumpkin Guts	

The menu is subject to change without notice. Daily sandwich options: Sunflower Butter of Meat and Cheese. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Marge Trupe (marge.trupe@isd514.org) with any question, concerns, lunch suggestions, or complaints

ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NAME OUR PANTHER!

WHAT SHOULD MY NAME BE?

Ellsworth, we need your creativity!

Community members and families can enter.

GET AN ENTRY FORM AT SCHOOL

Return your idea to Mrs. Romans.

ENTRIES DUE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Watch for the selected name the first week of November!



Student Council Name The Panther:

Top 3 names will then be voted on in November. Winner will be announced Friday December 4, 2026. Then we will have a Celebration during Snow Week announcing the Panther's name.

- ❖ Elementary Entries: \$.25
- ❖ Middle School-High School Entries: \$.50
- ❖ Public Entries: \$1.00

**All proceeds will be used to fund EPS Student Council school wide activities*

ADRIAN ELLSWORTH DRAGONS

Activity Schedules can be found on the BOUND app

1. DOWNLOAD THE BOUND APP



Search "Bound" in your app store. Download and install it on your mobile device.

2. SIGN IN & CONNECT



Log in with your existing account OR create a new Make sure to connect with Adrian Ellsworth activities.

3. BROWSE & SCHEDULE ACTIVITIES



Explore the schedule. View available activities, dates, and times. Tap to select an event.

4. MANAGE YOUR BOOKINGS



Keep track of your scheduled activities. Receive notifications and manage your bookings effortlessly.



Ellsworth's Class of *2027*
Seniors "LAST FIRST DAY"
HAVE A GREAT YEAR!!

**Josh Honken, Kolton Gieseke, Ivonte Soto,
Carter McClure, Maliya Nave,
Kaci Palmer, Gretchen Lefdal
& Parents**



ATTENDANCE Matters!

ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Every Day Counts!



ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Help us keep our records up to date! If your child is:



Sick

or staying home



Arriving late

due to an appointment



Leaving early

for the day



Please send an email directly to

attendance@isd514.org



The Benefits of Being at School Every Day

- ✓ Builds strong academic skills
- ✓ Keeps students on track with learning
- ✓ Strengthens confidence and independence
- ✓ Builds positive habits for the future
- ✓ Creates connections with teachers and classmates



Together We Help Panthers Thrive!



How Missed Days Can Impact Learning

- ! Missed instruction and important learning
- ! More difficulty keeping up with classwork
- ! Gaps in skills and understanding
- ! Missed opportunities to connect with classmates and teachers
- ! Harder to maintain consistent learning routines



ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL



2026 Southwest MN CEO Members from Ellsworth Public School

Juniors Addison, Avery and Brekkyn are three young professionals in the CEO program who are stepping up, building connections, gaining real-world experience, and making a difference in their community. We're proud to watch these young leaders learn, grow, and put their ideas into action!



**BREKKYN
DREESEN**

**AVERY
JENNIGES**



**ADDISON
WALLENBERG**

2026 Homecoming Royalty

Crown Carriers:
Daelyn Sina & Tucker Schilling



Queen Gretchen Lefdal & King Josh Honken



Homecoming Court:

Maliya Nave, Kaci Palmer,
Kolten Gieseke, Carter McClure
Missing: Ivonte Soto



CONGRATS!



SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2

ELLSWORTH HOMECOMING

ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
HOME OF THE PANTHERS

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DRESS UP DAYS

MONDAY, SEPT 28:
PAJAMA DAY &
ANYTHING BUT A BACKPACK



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TUESDAY, SEPT 29:
COUNTRY v. COUNTRY CLUB DAY



vs.



WEDNESDAY, SEPT 30:
CLASS COLOR DAY



- PreK & Seniors: Purple
- K & Juniors: Red
- 1st & Sophomores: Blue
- 2nd & Freshmen: Yellow
- 3rd & 8th: Green
- 4th & 7th: Orange
- 5th & 6th: Maroon
- Staff: Pink

THURSDAY, OCT 1:
UNO REVERSE DAY



Students dress as teachers;
teachers dress as students

FRIDAY, OCT 2:
MAROON & GOLD



EVENTS



MONDAY 9/28 -



CORONATION
7:00PM

TUESDAY 9/28 -

HOMV VOLLEYBALL GAME
followed by the burning
of the "E"



FRIDAY 10/2 -
WAGON PARADE around
the school 8:30AM



SATURDAY 10/3 -
HOMECOMING DANCE
8:00-10:30PM



Student Council Dress Up Days 2026-2027

HOMECOMING

SEPTEMBER 28–OCTOBER 2, 2026

MON 9/28 — Pajama Day + Anything But a Backpack

TUE 9/29 — Country vs. Country Club Day

WED 9/30 — Class Color Day

PreK & Seniors: Purple

K & Juniors: Red

1st & Sophomores: Blue

2nd & Freshmen: Yellow

3rd & 8th: Green

4th & 7th: Orange

5th & 6th: Maroon

Staff: Pink

THU 10/1 — UNO Reverse Day

Students dress as teachers; teachers dress as students.

FRI 10/2 — Maroon & Gold

Parade: All-Out School Spirit

RED RIBBON WEEK

OCTOBER 26–30, 2026

TUE 10/27 — Superhero Day

WED 10/28 — Red & White Day

Odd grades: Red • Even grades: White

PreK: Red • Kindergarten: White

FRI 10/30 — Costume Day

HOLIDAY MADNESS

DECEMBER 14–18, 2026

MON 12/14 — Best Holiday Pajama Day

TUE 12/15 — Santa vs. Grinch

WED 12/16 — Ugly Sweater Day

THU 12/17 — Christmas Color Day

PreK & odd grades: Green

K & even grades: Red

Staff: Christmas light colors

FRI 12/18 — All-Out Christmas

Staff: Christmas light colors

SNOW WEEK

JANUARY 18–22, 2027

MON 1/18 — E-Learning Attire

TUE 1/19 — Blizzard Day (Whiteout)

WED 1/20 — Frosting Day

Favorite color—and lots of bling!

THU 1/21 — Bright Future Day

Neon colors and shades

FRI 1/22 — Snow Clothes

POSSIBLE POP-UP DAYS

One week's notice, if possible

POSITIVE VIBE — Positive-message T-shirt

HAWAIIAN SHIRT DAY — Can't Wait for Summer

PANTHER DAY — Maroon and Gold



Ellsworth Community Ed

Fall Halloween CRAFT EVENT



Date:

Monday, Oct. 26



Time:

After school -
5:00pm



Location:

Cafeteria



Grades:

1st grade and up



Cost:

\$15



Class is limited to:

12 participants



Registration deadline:

Friday, October 23



RSVP:

507-360-2747 or
lisa.lynn@isd514.org



Ellsworth Community
HALLOWEEN PARTY

SAT OCT 31

4:00-6:00PM

5:00 COSTUME PARADE

@ ELLSWORTH

PUBLIC SCHOOL GYM

PRIZES • GAMES • SPOOK HOUSE





20TH ANNUAL ELLSWORTH

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 7TH - 9AM - 2PM
ELLSWORTH MN
SCHOOL GYM

Watch the
November
newsletter
with vendor
information!



ELLSWORTH DRAMA PRESENTS

*New
Clothes
for the
Emperor*

11.13.2026

Come see this funny adaptation of "The Emperor's New Clothes" by Cynthia Mercati. Practices have started, and the students are excited for you to see this! Tickets will be available the night of (11/13) at 6 pm (the play starts at 6:30).

DRIVER EDUCATION / EDUCACIÓN VIAL



CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION / INSTRUCCIÓN TEÓRICA

In partnership with our flow to parents register and A+ Driving School and Ellsworth into partnership, parents register and pay A+ Driving School directly.

REGISTER FOR A+ CLASSES →

INSCRIBIRSE EN CLASES DE A+ →

STEPS TO OBTAIN YOUR PERMIT & LICENSE PASOS PARA OBTENER EL PERMISO



1

COMPLETE
CLASSROOM
PORTION

COMPLETAR
CLASE TEÓRICA



2

SUBMIT COMPLETION
LETTER TO SCHOOL
OFFICE / ENTREGAR
EN LA OFICINA
Added to DVS Database
ENTREGAR
CERTIFICADO
(Replaces blue/white cards)



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TAKE THE
PERMIT TEST
EXAMEN PARA
EL PERMISO



4

OBTAIN PERMIT
OBTENER EL
PERMISO



5

PRACTICE DRIVING
PRÁCTICA AL
VOLANTE
Drive with licensed driver 21+

BEHIND-THE-WHEEL INSTRUCTION

provided by
Ellsworth Public School



CONTACT THE
SCHOOL OFFICE:
(507) 967-2242



SPANISH DRIVING TEST RESOURCE
RECURSO EN ESPAÑOL
DVS SKILLS EXAM VIDEO
VER VIDEO →