

Bulldog Community Beat

Elbert School District 200



October 2011



Happenings in the Hallway

Safety First – and ALWAYS!

Homecoming 2011

TORNADO. INTRUDER. FIRE. Elbert students practice regularly for urgent situations. HS Principal **Bob Beebe** heads emergency management for the school and according to the Elbert County Sheriff's office "our school and Singing Hills Elementary are best prepared in the county for these emergencies." We follow "Standard Response Protocol" established by the "I Love U Guys Foundation" (www.iloveuguy.org) Bailey, CO, which categorizes it as either **Lockdown** (lock/lights/out of sight), **Lockout** (secure the perimeter), **Evacuate** (go to a specified outside location), **Shelter** (go to a specified inside location). Even the youngest students recognize the alarm or emergency announcement which means immediate quiet and listen! Instruction may be to crawl under desks in silence or line up at fire exits and leave the building quickly.



Homecoming Week kicked off on Tuesday, September 13 with Color Wars and class competitions. Each secondary class dressed up in its designated color and participated in crazy games like the Egg Joust and Blind Makeovers. Wednesday's Casino Day was a favorite where students donned Las Vegas casino-themed costumes, and then held the Jersey Auction which was a great success. HS football players' "away" jerseys, hats made by volleyball players and boxers made by cheerleaders were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Thursday was Celebrity Day and students dressed as famous people like Kesha, Justin Beiber, and Jersey Shore look-alikes. The Peach Fuzz volleyball game - guys only, VERY inexperienced in the sport - was lots of fun. Staff even got in on the action, like **Mr. Cullotta, Ms. Gould, Mr. Beebe, Mrs. Olkjer, Mrs. Millard, Mr. Goodger, Ms. Mayer and Ms. Hish.** Purple and Gold Friday featured a pep rally, homecoming football and volleyball games, and the bonfire. With school colors everywhere, Elbert really showed its spirit this day at an enthusiastic

Elbert teachers take these drills seriously and are prepared for scenarios created by administrators or the sheriff's department – such as a missing student during evacuation, a fire alarm during lockdown, a situation occurring during passing periods or outdoor recess time, or older students helping elementary classes during tornado drills. **Mr. Beebe** attends monthly safety meetings where local law enforcement and Elbert County schools get together to share information. He has attended workshops in "After Crisis Response" and "Restraint Training," and along with Superintendent **Kelli Loflin** is organizing a Safety Team at school. These staff members will develop procedures for drills and be trained to handle various types of emergencies. The team's objectives are to create a positive, crime-free school climate and to intervene early to prevent crises.

Nationally, bullying and harassment are considered emergencies because of the violence potential, and are regularly addressed at our school by librarian **Shelly Gould**, who also oversees our "Character First" and "You Are Beautiful" programs. State-wide, Governor Hickenlooper has declared Oct 16-22, 2011 as the first annual **Colorado Safe Schools Week** to encourage schools and communities to highlight their efforts. Elbert students and staff will focus on safety practices during this time. Visit www.safeschools.state.co.us or call the school with questions or suggestions regarding school safety.

(24) Reasons to Reflect...

Almost 90 participants gathered at the track on Saturday, Sept 10 for the **24th annual Reflections Run**, hosted by the Elbert Booster Club. EBC is always appreciative of

volunteers from various groups such as Pikes Peak Road Runners, the Elbert County Posse, Air Academy Federal Credit Union, Spiritsong Wellness Center, and EHS Boys Basketball. Runners and walkers were welcomed once again, and competitors from Kiowa, Elizabeth, Calhan, Douglas County, Aurora and Colorado Springs attended. The race even attracted the Kiowa Cross Country team and two runners from Wisconsin! The local crowd included many Elbert students (some as young as kindergarten!) and their families. And at 70 years *young* were Kiowa racers Nina & Les Roudbush, who impressively crossed the finish line at just over 60 minutes! The overall male winner was Peter Maksimow, 32, Manitou Springs, with a time of 0:17:05, breaking his age group record from 2004. The overall female winner was Kayla Prario, 13, Elizabeth, with a time of 0:24:08. Both overall winners were awarded \$100 and since Kayla competes with Kiowa Cross Country, she donated her prize to the team. Elbert students who placed first in their age groups were **Jake VanDerlinden**, 15, 0:20:56 and **Carolyn Maben**, 9, 0:39:53. Jake also came in 4th overall in this year's race! Other Elbert students and staff who placed in their age groups were: **Chance Hendrix**, 16, 0:32:06/2nd place, **Lane Olkjer**, 7, 0:40:52/2nd place, **Emily Cue**, 11, 0:32:15/3rd place, **Becky Nyquist Crabbs**, 49, 0:32:20/3rd place, **Olivia Lay**, 8, 0:55:10/3rd place. Trophies and medals were presented at the awards ceremony hosted by guest speaker and sponsor Glenn Strebe, CEO AAFCU. Pancakes and breakfast burritos were on sale as a fundraiser for boys HS basketball under the direction of **Coach McGuire**, and John Reardon CMT of Spiritsong provided free massages for runners. **Micky Simpson**, Elbert staff and PPRR liaison, arranged for volunteer timers and equipment, course set up and water stops. Race Coordinator **Rocksann Boardman** along with helpers **Connie Schafer, Shannon Mayer, Stefanie Potthoff, Amy Cook, Kym Nowicki** and others are looking forward to next year's event as Boosters celebrates the 2012 *Quarter Century* Reflections Run!

pep rally for the entire student body hosted by the cheerleaders and the Pep Band. It was great to see packed stands for all the games! Finally, the bonfire was an excellent end to the week, followed by the Night in Las Vegas Homecoming Dance on Saturday night in the cafeteria. Seniors **Lance Bickel** and **Mikayla Franek** were crowned Homecoming King and Queen, and Juniors **Blake Nicholas** and **Logan Franek** won Prince and Princess. When asked about Homecoming Week, StuCo sponsor **Andy Goodger** said, "Student Council did a wonderful job preparing for an early Homecoming this year. It was a really good time."

PRESCHOOL SPLASH PARTY

MAKAYLA & MATTEA ENJOY THE SUNSHINE 9/1/11

PATIENCE

(vs. restlessness) Accepting a difficult situation without giving a deadline to remove it.

- 1: the quality of bearing or enduring pain and trouble without complaining.
- 2: refusal to be provoked.
- 3: calmly tolerating delay, confusion, and inefficiency.

"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish."

~John Quincy Adams

Character First



Elbert students of all ages entered in the annual 5K Reflections Run.

SPORTS

High School FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 7 7:00
vs. Kiowa- HOME

Friday, Oct. 14 SENIOR NIGHT 7:00
vs. Rocky Mountain Lutheran- HOME

Saturday, Oct. 22 1:00
Miami Yoder-AWAY

October 28 or 29 TBA
Conference Playoff

VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Oct. 6 4:30
PPC—HOME

Friday, Oct. 7 4:30
Hanover—HOME

Thursday, Oct. 13 4:30
Arickaree-HOME

Saturday, Oct. 15 1:00
Simla—AWAY

Tuesday, Oct. 18 SENIOR NIGHT 4:30
CSDB-HOME

Friday, Oct. 21 4:30
Calhan-AWAY

Saturday, Oct. 22 8:00 a.m.
BFL JH TOURNAMENT @ HANOVER

Tuesday, Oct. 25 TBA
HS DISTRICTS: Quarterfinals

Saturday, Oct. 29 9:00 a.m.
HS DISTRICTS: Pool Play @ Simla

Junior High FOOTBALL

Thursday, Oct. 6 4:30
Simla—HOME

Thursday, Oct. 13 4:30
Peyton—HOME

Thursday, Oct. 20 4:30
Genoa-Hugo-HOME

Current Records

Varsity Football 4-1-0

Varsity Volleyball 10-3-0

JV Volleyball 3-6-0

JH Football 2-2-0

“A” Volleyball 2-6-0

“B” Volleyball 3-3-0



From the Editor's Desk

We're about eight weeks into the first semester of this academic year and it's amazing how quickly things fire up here at school! We're literally off and running (like we never stopped) as you can tell by yet another jam-packed issue of the BCB. I'm (fortunately) never at a loss for something or someone to write about! As you read this, and if you are a parent of an Elbert student, you have already been to **Parent/Teacher conferences** and might be wondering why they are a bit earlier this year. Usually P/T conferences are held later in October, *after* first quarter grades are posted, but administration felt it would be more useful for families to have a head's up about a student's grades, if needed, before this time. And we hope that offering both day and evening appointments was more accommodating to busy work schedules. We'll be anxious to hear the verdict! Other positive changes this year is our stand on **community service**. Let's stop and think about what it really means. The dictionary says "community is a group of people who live in the same area" or "the area in which they live" and "service is an action done to help somebody." But if you take just one step back from that thought, I believe that for a community such as ours to thrive, we need to get to know each other so we know *how* to help each other. One of the main purposes of this newsletter is for you to get to know Elbert School. Yes we're a group of people who live together, relatively speaking, but so many in our community do not really know us. And we all need help at one time or another, but if we don't know each other, how do we know what you might need? Or vice versa? So here's our quest – to introduce ourselves to you and offer our assistance. Contact Principal **Bob Beebe** to arrange for students to give you a hand with indoor or outdoor tasks such as trash removal, weeding, housework, errands. And what do we need? YOU (the Elbert community) to attend **Clean Up Day, October 8** to help with major landscaping cleanup at the football field and surrounding area. Bring rakes, weed eaters, pickup trucks, chain saws. We've gotten started and it looks better, but our sports fields and town park are a landmark and one of the first things you see as you come into town. We should all want it to look **OUTSTANDING!** And one more invitation—in recognition of **Red Ribbon Week**, the public is invited to a special event at the baseball field on October 12 at 10:30 am. Be a part of the Drug Awareness program and get information about this important subject. Thanks and we'll be seeing you around town!



STILL AVAILABLE!!

\$50 adults/\$40 students!!

- * A GREAT DEAL, as it could cost over \$150/person this school year to attend the JH/HS home games or meets
- * Fan passes are good for regular season contests at home
- * Call Shawn Graves/Athletic Director at 303-648-3030 or stop by the front office

SUPPORT OUR BULLDOG ATHLETES!

Seniors 55+
Free Admission to ALL
Bulldog HOME Games!

The Elbert Booster Club strives to encourage school spirit by supporting the school and community through a variety of athletic, academic, artistic and social events, and social events, and fundraisers."

Website: elbertschool.org then "organizations"

BOOSTER CLUB CORNER

Email: elbertboosters@hotmail.com

Football Concessions 10/6-10/20

FREE GAME ADMISSION TO VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR FAMILIES (email elbertboosters@hotmail.com and list the game date and the word "concessions" in the subject line if interested)

Clothes Swap Set-Up Sat, 10/22 3 pm to 6 pm
Cafeteria

Clothes Swap Sun, 10/23 9 am to 1 pm
Cafeteria

Clothes Swap Clean-Up Sun, 10/23 1 pm to 2 pm
Cafeteria

Booster Mtg. Wed, 10/26/11 6 pm
Concession area

"Spirit Pride" & BULLDOG
Clothing & Accessories

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

DIRECTV 4Schools

directv4schools.com (code B2889)

NOW AVAILABLE AT

**The Elbert Country Store
& The NEW Bulldog Snack Shack!**

Elbert School is the lucky recipient of a concessions trailer donated by Hilltop Baptist School. In the past, the trailer has been used for timing equipment for track meets held in Elbert. Now, in addition to the concession stand, Booster Club gets to use the trailer during football season to sell Bulldog Wear and popcorn, candy, hot & cold drinks—and to stay warm during the games! Thanks Hilltop!





Exploration Library

Public Library Hours

Monday
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tues-Thurs
4:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

303-648-3533

STORY TIME!

Gardener's Gathering Mondays - 10:30 a.m.
4th Monday of the month—1 - 3pm.

Friends of the Library 1st Tuesday of the Month - 4:30 p.m.

Craft Time 4th Tuesday of the Month @ 4:30

Game Night 3rd Thursday of the Month @ 5:00

Genealogy Fun! 2nd Saturday of the Month - 1:00 p.m.

Book Club Oct 23 10:30 am—discuss "To Kill A Mockingbird" and "The Bride's House"

THANKS to Gayle Gresham for arranging the 9/24 "Women Write the West" panel discussion!

Elementary StuCo



Elementary Student Council is just starting up for the year and is made up of students from 3rd-6th grades. Representatives and officers are being elected at this time and will serve for the whole year. Sponsors for the group are 2nd grade teacher Mrs. Pursell and 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Hinshaw. Some of their projects include the school store, held on Fridays during morning recess. Pencils, erasers, and other school supplies are for sale. Elementary StuCo collects box tops and soup labels which they use to buy toys for the playground. They will also start planning for the Halloween Carnival which will be held at the end of this month.



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Community Teamwork



Hard Work Makes Small Town Special

Elbert Woman's Club (EWC)

EWC has been in existence since 1925 and originally started as a homemakers club. Throughout the years, the local women made gift bags for hospital patients, hosted political meetings and prepared meals for hikers and campers at the scout ranch. Historian **Barbara Sjaastad**, an Elbert resident for over 20 years and a member since 2003, explained about the important service work the club does now. "Our main goal is to provide a community meeting place but we also assist needy families, support the Elbert Fire Department, sponsor the local cub scouts and send packages to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan." In addition, the EWC holds monthly breakfasts for the community, provides free luncheons and dinners for senior citizens, hosts the annual EHS alumni dinner as well as dinners for the VFW and the Cattlemen's group. Recently teaming with Elbert School in an effort to provide more community service opportunities for youth, the first joint breakfast/free car wash was born! The EWC is based in the Russell Gates Mercantile building in downtown Elbert, and the club was thrilled when Elbert students recently repainted its propane tank which had been vandalized with graffiti. Woman's Club officers include **Maylois Fraley**/President, **Gail Ralston**/Vice President, **Debbie Vetter**/Treasurer, **Diane Daugherty**/Assistant Treasurer and **Doris Smith**/Secretary, and Mrs. Sjaastad is also the Project Director for the restoration of their historic structure. Don't miss their annual Christmas Bazaar coming up November 12th!



Ben Williams and Ashlynn Hinshaw helping EWC repaint their gas tank.

In the SPOTLIGHT & Where Are They Now?



Kim (De Priest) Gresham '72 has been involved with Elbert School for most of her life – as a student, parent, volunteer, board member and now staff. Her husband **Danny** '71, children **Amanda** '98 and **Russell** '00, all graduated from Elbert too. She started volunteering in 1981 in the classroom, as accountability chairperson and on the school board, and continued while her kids were in school. When the position of Technology Coordinator opened up 12 years ago, it was a perfect fit for Kim, who loves her job. Her favorite thing about working here? "The people are great, and I love the four day work week." Kim has been instrumental in the technology advancements going on at our school and is excited that the Board and

teachers are so focused on educating Elbert students for the 21st century digital world. She is very passionate about teaching the safe use of technology as well, and is proud that our school has computer instruction for all age levels, starting with kindergarten. "We have more technology tools here than many other schools in the state, including interactive white boards and LCD projectors" she explained. "With 17 laptops and 4 desktop computers in the library, we now have 3 full computer labs in our school." New this year is the set up and implementation of "Microsoft Live," which gives students free access to their school files from anywhere they have internet access. Kim feels strongly that Elbert graduates leave here with a solid background in computer applications. One of her ongoing projects is the Funding Factory project, a great way to recycle and fundraise. The school takes used technology such as printer cartridges, iPods, mp3 players, laptops, GPS devices, and cell phones which are recycled and redeemed for points. The points are exchanged for technology equipment, software, lab kits, or arts and crafts supplies. To date Elbert has earned enough points for a new color printer! Be sure to bring in your recyclable technology so we can continue this worthwhile project. Although behind the scenes most of the time, we are lucky to have someone as conscientious as Kim taking care of our technology needs. And when she's not dealing with bogged down printers, locked up computers and network crashes, she's at home raising cattle and farming. Thanks Kim!



DON'T FORGET ELECTION DAY!

Tues, Nov 1

- * **MAIL-IN BALLOTS ONLY** this year, to be sent out beginning Oct 11
- * **Ballots MUST be received by Nov 1 at the Election Office (mail or drop off)**
- * **Election Office, Main Level, Elbert County Courthouse, Kiowa, CO 303-621-3127**

REGULAR HOURS

M-TH 8 AM—4:30 PM

SPECIAL ELECTION DAY HOURS

7 AM—7 PM

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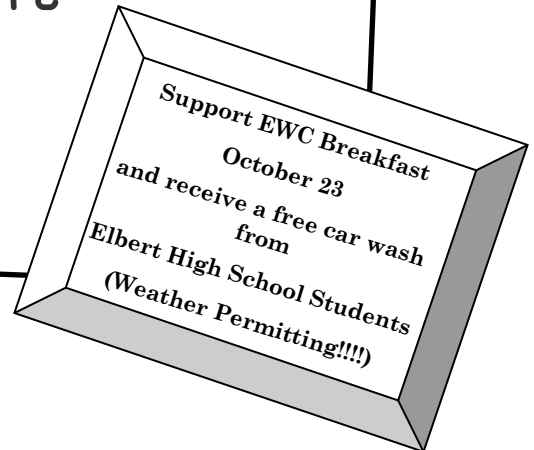
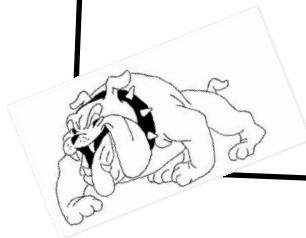
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www.elbertschool.org

Elbert Upcoming Events

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| 10/3-10/7 | Fire Safety Week | |
| 10/8 | Park Clean Up (football field & parking lot) | 9 am |
| 10/8 | 4-H Project Showcase (fairgrounds/Kiowa) | 9 am |
| 10/11 | Accountability Meeting Board Room (2nd Tuesday of the month) | 5 pm |
| 10/11 | Look for your mail-in ballot! | |
| 10/12 | Special Building Committee/Board Mtg. Board Room (2nd Wed of the month) | 7 pm |
| 10/12 | Red Ribbon Helicopter (baseball field) | 10:30 am |
| 10/17-10/21 | SAFETY WEEK | |
| 10/20 | Meet the School Board Candidates Cafeteria | 7pm |
| 10/23 | EWC Breakfast & Student Car Wash Grange Hall/Track Parking Lot (Weather Permitting) | 8am-1pm |
| 10/24-10/28 | RED RIBBON WEEK | |
| 10/25 | Regular Board Mtg. Board Room (4th Tues of the month) | 7 pm |
| 11/1 | Election Day | |
| 11/11 | Veterans Day Program (gym) | 1:30 pm |
| 11/20 | VFW Dinner Grange Hall | 12 pm |
| 11/22-11/25 | Thanksgiving Break | |

To help build EJH teams, 6th graders are permitted to participate in junior high level sports this year. We asked some of these students what they think about this new opportunity.

Question
of the
Month



Mercedes Boardman, 6th grade, JH Cheer/Volleyball – “The 7th graders are getting used to playing sports with us.”

Emily Cue, 6th grade, JH Cheer – “It makes me feel special when people come and watch our games.”

Jason Mackey, 6th grade, JH football – “It’s fun and athletic. I can’t wait for the game today. Our opponents are going to look like the muffin I found at the bottom of my backpack this morning!”

Hannah Phillips, 6th grade, JH Cheer/Volleyball – “Super Fun!”

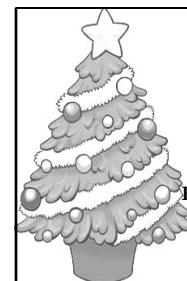
Randi Pothoff, 6th grade, JH Cheer/Volleyball – “It’s great to get experience playing with the 7th graders. We practice a lot and Mr. R (6th grade teacher) is good about not giving us too much homework.”

Carissa Rhoades, 6th grade,

JH Cheer/Volleyball – “I love getting to learn new things!”

Gabe Schafer, 6th grade, JH football - “It’s easier than Pee-Wee’s. And I like going to practice during PE.”

Sam Schafer, 6th grade, JH football – “I really like Coach Mac and Coach Graves.”



**EWC Annual
Christmas Bazaar**

**Saturday
November 12**

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