

ELBA HI-TIMES 2.0

September 2018

From The Desk of Ms. Marlow

From the Desk of Ms. Marlow, Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

The summer has flown by and the school year is here. I look forward to meeting each of you and sharing the great things that our faculty and staff have to offer here at Elba Public Schools.

I would like to take this time to tell you a little bit about myself. I grew up in Horace, Nebraska, attending Elementary school in Horace. I graduated from North Loup Scotia in 1984 and in 1989 from Kearney State College with a Bachelors in Elementary Education and K-6 P.E. I started my teaching career at North Loup Scotia teaching Kindergarten, Title I, Second Grade, P.E. which makes up a total of 22 years. I taught Title I at the Junior High/High School level for one year and the following year was the Middle School Principal/Athletic Director in Scotia. The next 2 years I was the Athletic/Activities and Transportation Director at Central Valley. The following year I taught 3rd/4th grade at Christ Lutheran in Juniata. Last year I was a substitute teacher for many area school systems.

I have 4 children, Casandra who is married to Taylor. They have 3 boys, Ryan, Colt and Preston who was just born on the 26th of this month. I have a son, Trevor who lives in Scotia. Carly and her husband Andrew live in Kearney with their son Anthony. Katie lives in Hastings and attends Dental Hygiene School.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you this year and many years to come. Our students will be successful as long as we all work together. Our staff and I will work hard at providing a quality education and a safe, successful year for our students in academics and extra-curricular activities. Please feel free to call my office if you have any questions or concerns. Here's to a great start for the 2018-2019 school year at Elba Public schools.

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From Our Superintendent

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all students and parents! The start of a new school year is always an exciting time, for students, families, and our school staff. It is a privilege to partner with you on your child's education. At Elba Public School we work hard each day at engaging, educating, and inspiring our children to be college and career ready, to be life-long learners, and to be good role models in our communities.

For the 2018-2019 school year, we are delighted to welcome a number of new students and families to the school district. With upwards of 15 new students enrolling to begin the new school year, this growth is very exciting for our students, our staff, and the families and communities that our school serves.

We are also excited to welcome the new school principal, Annice Marlow, to Elba Public School. Principal Marlow brings 27 years of experience as an educator to the school. She is committed to building positive relationships with students, parents, and community members and is enthusiastic about the many possibilities for success at Elba Public School.

We are also pleased to welcome four new staff members to Elba Public School. Chelsea Wiese (kindergarten), Bev Moore (secondary special education), Kayla Leach (library media specialist), and Maxine Lewandowski (paraprofessional) bring energy, unique backgrounds, and fresh perspectives to the school staff.

Your partnership is vital to helping our children succeed in school. Thank you for your many contributions each and every day to your child's success and for your many contributions to the success of Elba Public School. Frequent communication with your child's teachers and administrators help us work together to best support your child's learning. We look forward to seeing you at parent-teacher conferences, school events, before or after school, at extracurricular events, and out in the community. If at any time you have questions or concerns about your child's learning or their progress, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I feel a renewed sense of excitement at the start of this school year because of the energy our students, staff, parents, and community members bring to our school and all the possibilities that working together provide. Our school district thrives because of this collective effort, focus, and commitment. I look forward to the successes that we will accomplish together this year. Thank you again for everything that you do for our children and for your continued support of Elba Public School.

Sincerely,

Matthew Palmer, Ed.S.

Superintendent

Elba Public School

2018-2019 FFA Roster

Seniors:

Alec Acosta
Brody Buckendahl
Bridget Fox
Kenna Graves (Vice President)
Austin McKoski
Kiaya Radke (President)
Deena Ramirez

Juniors:

Sophie Keihn
Jaden Lambracht
MacKenzie McKoski
(Secretary)
Layne Paczosa
Jordan Seberger

Sophomores:

Kolby Graves
Kyle Keihn
David Koperski
Merel Kraaihvanger
Mikkel Peterson
Allene Randolph
Tristan Rose
Raffaele Russo
Hunter Snyder
Lupe West (Reporter)
Cash Wolinski (Sentinel)
Joey Wysocki (Treasurer)

Freshman:

Kaden Johnson
Tanner Lewis
Angelina McKoski
Jayden Nuss
Devin Weddle

8th Grade:

Conner Brachatek
Breanna Dugan
Deanna Fanta
Kaylee Randolph
Brendon Keene
Weston Koperski
Meleya Kosmicki Gutirez
Weston Koperski
Kaylee Randolph
Tasia Silvia-Herbig
Deanna Fanta
Bridgette Snyder
Jamie Wysocki

Breanna Dugan
Tasia Silvia-Herbig

7th Grade:

Taylor Jones
Jacob Kosmicki Gutirez
Jesse Mills
Maycee Radke
Trevor Soneson

Elba FFA numbers are on the rise!

Elba Public Schools are thrilled to be starting off the new school year with an increase in participation in the FFA Chapter and Agriculture courses. There have been several new families joining the community to contribute to this excitement. With 4 foreign exchange students, the chapter has the opportunity to learn about agriculture across the world. The FFA Chapter is a strong tradition in the community but the lack of stability in the Advisor's position has caused problems for the program in recent years. Aubrie Brown is starting her 2nd year at Elba as the Agriculture/Shop Instructor and FFA Advisor. She is excited to provide many leadership opportunities for these students this year. This year the chapter is really focused on recruiting some new faces and really creating that bond. 85% of the students in 7-12th grade at Elba Public Schools are also active in FFA.

Science Elite

By Makaela

I am happy to announce this year's Science Elite team: Tanner L, Angel M, Kiaya R, Layne P, Merel (Maggie) K, Makaela G, Devin W, David K, Hunter S, Mackenzie M, Jaden L, Sophie K, Jordan S, Raffael (Raff) R, Mikkel (Mike) A, and Tristen R. I believe this year's Science Elite will do great! We have lots of new dedicated people joining this year starting in December. I'm super excited for this year's season! GO SCIENCE!!!

Foreign Exchange Student Corner

Hi everyone! My name is Merel Kraaijvanger and I'm a foreign exchange student. I've been in Elba since the 10th of August. I'm staying with Michael and Jennifer Higgins. I'm 16 years old and I'm from the Netherlands. At home I've got one big sister. My parents are divorced but I live with both of them. My dad lives in a, for Dutch knows, small village with a population of 12,000 people. My mom lives in the city next to it. In the city there are 57,292 people. I went to a high school named Rietveld lyceum. I used to consider it a small school with 1000 students. My school was half an hour away by bike, and yes I went to school by bike every single day. The school system is very different compared to the American system. I used to play field hockey. That's where I met my two best friends Froukje and Anne. On the weekends we usually go out to the city. And on Saturdays we have a hockey match.



MEET THE NEW TEACHERS

Mr. Jeremiah Johnson

College Attended: California State University

Hometown: Hayfork, California

Family: has a Daughter, Kasi, at the age of 9

Reason to Become a Teacher: "I enjoy working with young people to help them reach personal academic and athletic goals."

What do you teach at Elba: 7-12 English class

Fun Fact: Served in the United States Air Force (USAF) for 6 and a half years and traveled to 20 different countries.

Ms. Kayla Leach

College Attended: Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois

Hometown: Arnold, Nebraska

Family: has 3 brothers and a combined total of 11 nieces and nephews.

Reason to Become a Librarian: "I love books and wanted to work in a position, in which I could share my love of books with students."

Fun Fact: Sponsor for the National Honor Society

Volleyball

“There is no I in the word team so what we do, we do together” Hello everyone, I Sarah Marrow am this years head volleyball coach. My assistant will be Sydne Endorf. I have been the assistant coach for the past 3 years but I am so excited for this years opportunity to be a coach, leader and go to for out Lady Jays volleyball team. This year we have 4 returning players Senior Kiaya Radke, Senior Ken-na Graves, Senior Makaela Goeden and Junior Mackenzie Mckoski. We have 5 new players that joined our team, Freshman Angel Mckoski, Sophomore Deja Lewis, Junior Jordan Seberger, Senior Deena Ramirez and our new foreign Sophomore Marel (Maggie) Kraaijvanger.

Our season started this summer when we attended a camp where St. Paul hosted Concordia University, then we hosted our own camp for the high school, Junior high and elementary graders 3rd-6th. At the end of July we had a week of conditioning, following a week of 2-a-days practices. Our girls have been working very hard on getting in shape, communicating, and their volleyball skills so we can be more competitive this season. Please come out and support our team. Our first game is august 28th in Axtell at 6pm. I am looking forward to watching out girls compete and grow as the season progresses. GO BLUE JAYS!!! - Coach Morrow



Football

“ With several new players on this year's team, we've had to go over everything, but with that obstacle we've done better and they've had a lot of motivation to get things done. This year we have such a young team, each time we've gained more potential during practices. - Coach Polk



Counselor Corner

Welcome back to a new school year! This time of year is always full of hope and anticipation. I'm excited to see the personal and academic growth of each our students in the months to come.

You might ask, what exactly does a school counselor do? Well, let me tell you I have the best job at Elba Public School! It is my privilege to support ALL students in grades K-12. My job is to encourage their academic achievement, assist in career/post-secondary planning and build student's social and emotional skills. This is done through individual meetings and classroom instruction. It is my responsibility to advocate for what is best for each student.

In regards to career and post-secondary planning, there are several upcoming field trips for our high school students. They are:

Kearney Career Day for 11th Grade (September 19th)

Careers in Ag Day in York for 10th/11th/12th Grade (September 26)

St. Paul Career Fair for 11th/12th Grade (October 3)

Diesel Career Fair @ Central Community College for 11th/12th Grade (October 4)

Central Community College Career Exploration Day for 11th grade (March 19th)

Parents are encouraged to take their student(s) to the largest career fairs in the state which also host out-of-state schools, military and trade schools. Register to attend on the EducationQuest.org website. These events are FREE!

Lincoln Career Fair @ SCC (September 16th)

Omaha Career Fair @ UNO (September 23rd)

If there is anything I can do to support your student, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, maria.montemagni@elbaps.org. I'm looking forward to having a great year!

Mrs. Montemagni

As the students say "Mrs. M"



Digital/Web Design Class News

By Mrs. Wratten

Summer has come to an end and it is once again back-to-school time. Teacher instruction can be heard in the classrooms, as well as student chatter in the hallways in-between classes and at lunch time. Everyone was excited for our first football and volleyball games. One-Act has already started practice, and FFA has already had several activities.

The Digital/Web Design class has been super busy the first couple weeks of school with learning new ideas for this year's yearbook. They also have been working on this school newsletter. This year brings about some changes to our school newsletter. Previous years' school newsletters were brought to us that were found in the building, so we are going to incorporate some of these older newsletter ideas into our current years' newsletters.

The first big change is our name; the students decided to rename the school newsletter what it was back in the late 1930's to the early 40's. So our school newsletters new name is Elba Hi-Times 2.0! In each newsletter, the students will have an article in each of the following sections: Foreign Exchange, Counseling Corner, From the Principal, ideas for Parent Page, PTO/ Booster Club, an article from one of the older school newsletters, and articles from the various activities that happen in the school (such as One Act, FFA, Speech, Quiz Bowl, Science Elite, Band/Choir, Sporting Events, Red Ribbon Week, as well as Homecoming).

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Starts: August 20th, 2018

Ends: October 4th, 2018

Have questions? Contact us at 1-855-870-7208.

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<https://www.schwans-cares.com/>

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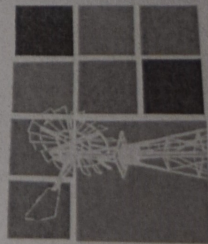
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Available Dates & Locations

- **September 13th**
Elba Public School 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

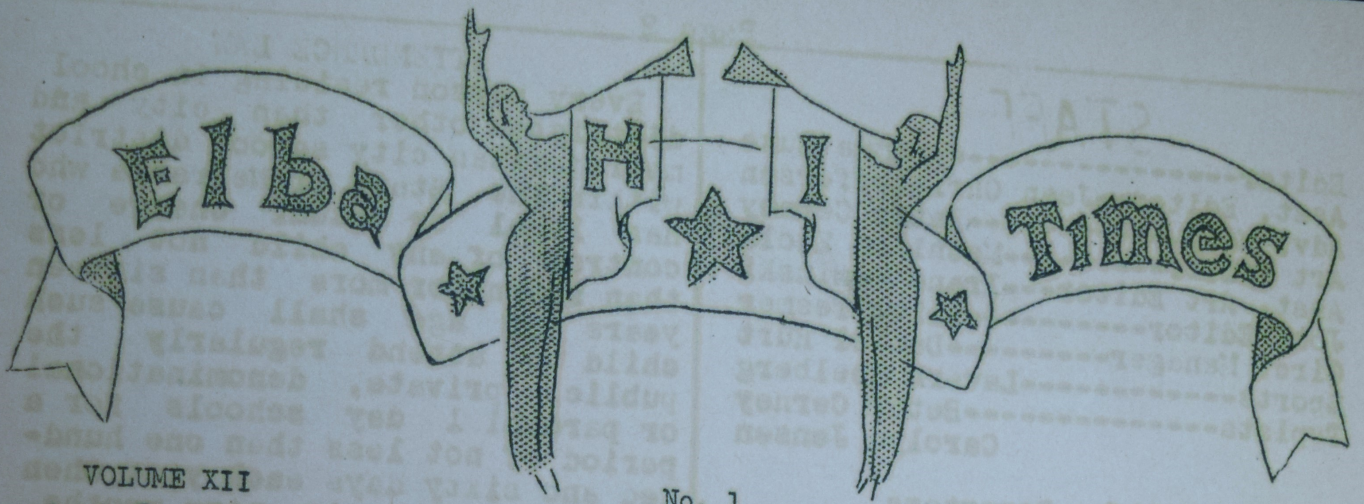
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LARGEST H.S. ENROLLMENT

IN HISTORY OF SCHOOL

The high school enrollment this year is the largest in the history of the school with 70 pupils enjoying the benefits that are a natural result of a larger system. This enrollment has increased from 43 enrolled in 1938, or an increase of 61 percent in the last three years. In all probability, this increased enrollment is due to the fact that more students of high school age realize more and more the importance of a high school education in this vast and highly industrialized United States in which we are privileged to live. Time spent in school pays high dividends later on in life. We have every reason to believe that the high school will continue to grow.

We believe that Elba is an outstanding system. It attracts more and more tuition students each year. Prior to 1939, the greatest number of tuition students was 15. In 1939 tuition students numbered 16 and in 1940 they numbered 24. This year 30 non-resident students have chosen Elba as their institution of learning. Here students can prepare themselves for the vocations of their choice, being able to choose between college preparatory, commercial, vocational and general academic courses.

In the past ten years the Elba High School attendance has increased 40%, while the grade school attendance has decreased 10%. In order to relieve the crowded conditions in the high school, a fourth teacher has been added this year and one teacher has been dropped in the grades. Miss Gdanitz has grades

primary, first and second with a total enrollment of 33 pupils, Miss Jacobsen has grades three, four and five with a total enrollment of 23 and Miss Blazek has grades six, seven and eight with a total enrollment of 28. The enrollment by grades are given on page 2. The primary room enrollment is high but that room is the same as it always has been with primary, first and second grades being in that one room. The enrollment in the other two grade rooms is average, as larger systems usually have 30 pupils per teacher.

Our increase in high school attendance and our decrease in grade school attendance is: in keeping with all the other schools of the state. There were 14,240 more students in Nebraska high schools in 1939-40 than in 1930-31, an increase of 20%. There were 29,034 fewer pupils enrolled in village elementary grades of Nebraska in 1939-40 than in 1930-31, a decrease of 19%.

The total enrollment of elementary and high school students this year is greater than it has been since 1930 when the enrollment was 150 and 99 of that number were in the elementary grades, as compared to 153 this year of which 83 are in the elementary grades. So you see the load has switched to the high school and thus necessitating the fourth teacher and more space for high school use. The decrease in the elementary department has merely made room for an ever expanding high school, both from the standpoint of space and pupil-teacher load.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Students, parents, employees, and applicants for admission and employment, and all unions holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with Elba Public School are hereby notified that this institution does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, age, disability status, sexual orientation, or gender identification in admissions, programs, activities, career and technical education (CTE) classes and opportunities, or any other aspect of school operations. Discrimination based on any of the grounds listed above, as well as sexual violence and/or harassment are not permitted by this institution.

Grievance Procedures

Elba Public School has grievance procedures for addressing discrimination of any kind related to the above listed non-discrimination policy (including sexual violence and/or sexual harassment) that are available to all students, parents, and staff. Any person wishing to initiate a grievance procedure or having questions about this institution's compliance with Civil Rights including, but not limited to, Title IX, Title II, Title VI, and/or Section 504 should contact the Superintendent of Schools at 308-863-2228 or in person at the school office.

Admission/Selection/Participation in Educational Classes/Programs & Co-Curricular/ Extracurricular Activities

Admission/selection/enrollment in/participation in instructional classes and programs (including, but not limited to, Career and Technical Education - CTE) and co-curricular and extracurricular activities, where possible, is determined according to student interest and abilities. Student interests and preferences are considered with regard to class schedules in conjunction with meeting graduation requirements, and state and federal guidelines. All students are allowed to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities according to their interests as long as they are in compliance with academic eligibility requirements, state guidelines, and school policies. Students are not barred admission to classes, programs, other instructional opportunities (including career and technical education - CTE), or co-curricular and extracurricular opportunities on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, disability status, sexual orientation, or gender identification. Students with disabilities are encouraged to participate in the full range of school instructional programs and co-curricular and extracurricular programs in accordance with their ability as determined by the IEP team in conjunction with parent/guardian and student preferences.



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ideas for parents

Support Through the Years

Age Ways to Love and Support Your Child

- 0-1
 - Hold your baby and look at her or him during feedings.
 - Respond to your child's needs.
 - Take delight in your child's development.
- 2-3
 - Cheer your child on as he or she masters new skills.
 - Touch your child often. Hug. Cuddle.
 - Say "yes" more than you say "no."
- 4-5
 - Encourage your child's thinking abilities by exposing her or him to new situations.
 - Play with your child, letting her or him choose the type of play.
 - Find other caring adults to participate regularly in your child's life.
- 6-10
 - Encourage your child as he or she learns new skills.
 - When you and your child disagree, point out you still love her or him.
 - Answer all your child's questions.
- 11-15
 - Accept the identity your child is forming.
 - Affirm independence and interdependence.
 - Be available to listen.
- 16-18
 - Continue to show affection for your teenager.
 - Let your teen overhear you complimenting her or him to someone else.
 - Ask for your teen's opinion or advice on something important.

6 Key Areas of Support

Search Institute researchers have identified six support assets that are crucial for helping young people grow up healthy. Check the areas of strength in your child's life:

- Family support—Family life provides high levels of love and support.
- Positive family communication—You and your child communicate positively, and your child is willing to seek you out for advice and counsel.
- Other adult relationships—Your child receives support from three or more non-parent adults.

- Caring neighborhood—Your child experiences caring neighbors.
- Caring school climate—School provides a caring, encouraging environment for your child.
- Parent involvement in schooling—You are actively involved in helping your child succeed in school.

Name Three

Have each family member name three ways the family supports her or him.

1
2
3

FINAL WORD

"Children need to know that, whatever else may happen, their parents love them."
—Michael Popkin, Ph.D., director of the Active Parenting Program

