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Small Classes,

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Big Futures

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Elba Public School's Mission is to

711 Caroline Street

develop students academically,

Elba, Nebraska 68835-1001

socially and emotionally

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for a successful future.

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School in October is in full swing! At times after a bustling week, just as other parents and students do, I listen to TikToks, and videos on my phone, late on a weekend night. The videos usually make me laugh and relate to, but one night I did listen to a college graduation speech which made me stop, listen, and reflect.

The female speaker was a successful softball athlete, until she sustained a traumatic head injury from a softball. The speech focuses on what people often ask college graduates... “What are you going to do?” which is a different question than “Who are you going to be?” What does it mean to be a human being? Not a human doing? People identify themselves by labels, but does this explain how you view yourself, and others? So, instead of viewing people by labels, maybe we should see them for 1. Their attitude 2. How they treat others 3 What makes them uniquely beautiful. Instead of seeing people by their external qualities, start viewing them for their internal qualities.

I felt this message was worth sharing because just as others, I would like to be viewed for 1. My attitude 2. How I treat others and 3. What makes me uniquely beautiful, not always as a Superintendent. If I had to describe my attitude, I would describe myself as an imperfect, passionate, hard-working, patient, empathetic, and caring person who has a backbone, when needed. I feel I treat people with respect, listen, and value their perspective. What makes me uniquely beautiful is my diverse personal journey of experiences, which gives me the ability to understand, relate, and communicate to students.

So, no matter what your role and label is... 1. What is your attitude? 2. How do you treat others? 3. What makes you uniquely beautiful?

I hope you take time to reflect on these three questions about yourself and your child(ren), and communicate how you feel to your child(ren).

Enjoy your fall month,

Ms. Allison Pritchard
Superintendent/Elementary Principal

College Planning Priorities

Fall - Senior

- ☐ Create an EducationQuest account.
- ☐ Make sure you're on track to meet graduation and college admission requirements.
- ☐ Apply to your top college choices.
- ☐ Create an FSA ID (one for you and one for a parent).
- ☐ Complete the FAFSA.
- ☐ Expect a FAFSA Summary Sheet (FSS) via an email link.
- ☐ Retake the ACT and/or SAT.
- ☐ Get serious about applying for scholarships.
- ☐ Request letters of recommendation for scholarship applications.
- ☐ Sign up for Countdown2College email service.
- ☐ Visit (or revisit) your top college choices.

Fall - Junior

- ☐ Stay on track to meet college admission requirements.
- ☐ Take the ACT and ASVAB exams.
- ☐ Get involved in extracurricular activities.
- ☐ Focus on your career interests.
- ☐ Research colleges that interest you.
- ☐ Sign up for Countdown2College email service.
- ☐ Sign up for an EducationQuest account.

Fall - Sophomore

- ☐ Sign up for Countdown2College email service.
- ☐ Sign up for an EducationQuest account.
- ☐ Expand your involvement in extracurricular activities.
- ☐ Improve your study skills to help you earn better grades.

Fall - Freshmen

- ☐ Create a four-year academic plan.
- ☐ Get involved in extracurricular activities.
- ☐ Sign up for a MyEducationQuest account.

Megan Stapel

School Interventionist



Who am I?

I am Megan Stapel, the school interventionist for the 2023-2024 school year. I graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in December 2022 with a degree in psychology. I grew up in a small town in Kansas and have grown to love rural small towns. I enjoy all things outdoors in both the winter and summer months. I look forward to a fun school year!

What is my role?

Overall my role in the schools is to ensure students and their families well-being. I will be focusing a lot on: truancy (attendance), regular check ins with students, providing resources, and if I can't help with something, I know someone who may be able to.

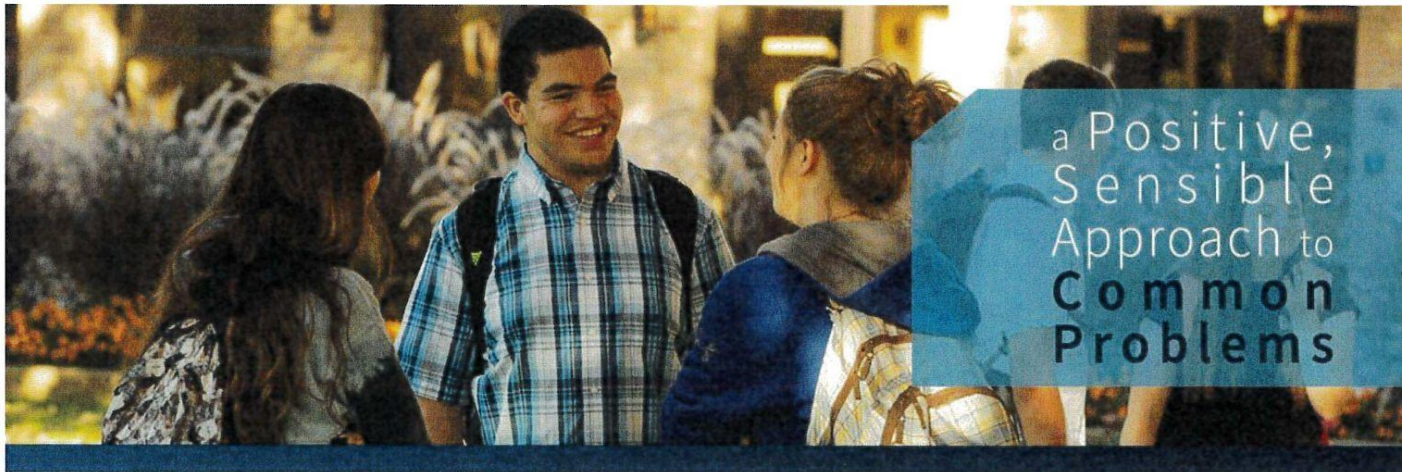


What can I help with?

- Assistance with bills, housing, and personal needs
- One to ones with students
- Guidance with teens and the relationships they encounter throughout school
- Help students with problem-solving efforts
- and MANY more things, just ask!

How you can contact me:

email: megan@livewell-qi.com



Boys Town Common Sense Parenting®

Free

Orientation: You are invited to attend a 30-minute session to learn more about the program, test technology and meet other parents and their parent instructor.

Dates: September 20, 2023

Times: 5:30 – 6:00 PM

Goal: Learn about the class

Where: Online

Who Should Attend: Parents who would like to attend the class.

Common Sense Parenting (CSP)® for School

Success is a six-week class that offers training for parents who want to build on their existing skills or learn new ways of dealing with their children's behaviors. Professional parent trainers teach the course.

Dates: September 20 – October 25, 2023
(Wednesday evenings for 6 weeks)

Times: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Cost: FREE! Using Coupon Code: **PV0920**

Where: Online - WebEx (phone or computer)

Who: Parents who have children ages 6-16, and are living in Central Nebraska!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
about Boys Town Common Sense
Parenting® program and how it
can help you build and reinforce
healthy family relationships,
call us at

531-355-1059

Register Online Today!

www.boystown.org/cspne

Questions? Contact Gayle Rocz

gayle.rocz@boystown.org

531-355-1059





Kenneth Kadusale, High School English Teacher
September 2023 Teacher of the Month

Raymart Cabiten (Mr. C.), Paraprofessional
September 2023 Staff of the Month

Carmen Torres Garcia, 10th grade
September 2023 HS Student of the Month

Presley Sadd, Kindergarten
September 2023 Elementary Student of the Month

ELBA PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOMECOMING WEEK

OCTOBER 16TH-20TH

"Let the School
Spirit be
Unleashed"

Monday:

Neon Day

Tuesday:

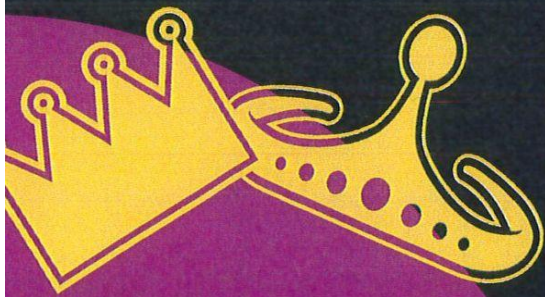
Celebrity Day

Wednesday:

Wacky Day

Thursday:

Purple & Gold Day



HOME COMING BONFIRE NIGHT

Tuesday, October 17th

Firefighters

Hamburger Feed

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Free Will Offering

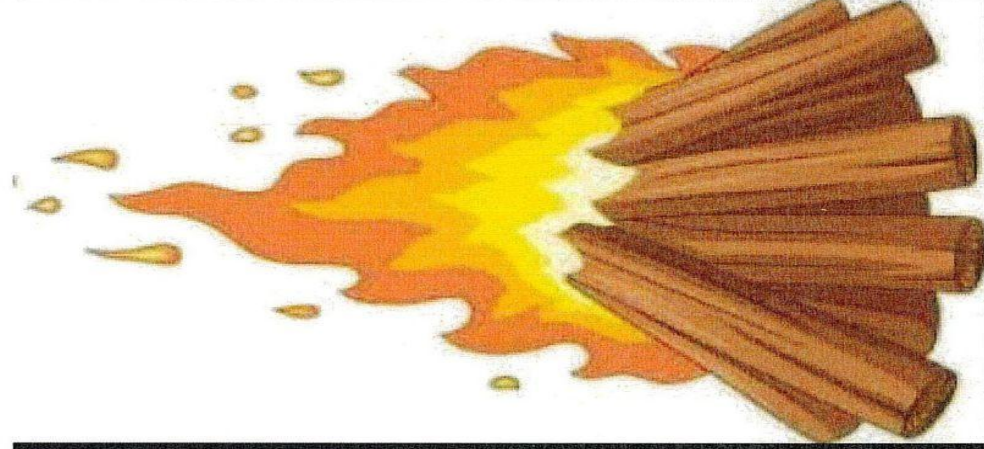
Open to Everyone

PTO Jersey Auction

6:30 p.m.

Bid on your favorite player's
jersey and wear it Friday to
show your spirit!

Community Center



Bonfire

Following the
Auction around

7:30 p.m.

Elba Field

HOME COMING **OCTOBER 20TH** **AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

5:00

**STEP RIGHT UP TO THE
CARNIVAL GAMES AND TREAT
YOURSELF TO SOME TASTY
SOUP (FREE WILL DONATION)**

6:30

HOME COMING PARADE

7:00

**HOME COMING
CROWNING**



**8:00 -
11:00**

**DON'T MISS THE HOME COMING
DANCE!
DOORS SHUT AT 8:15 SHARP!**



COW PATTY BINGO

**ELBA BOOSTERS ARE WORKING
TOGETHER TO PAY OFF OUR
SHOOTING MACHINE PURCHASE!
BUY A RAFFLE TICKET FOR A CHANCE
OF WINNING \$250 IF THE COW
DROPPINGS LAND IN YOUR SQUARE!
\$10 FOR 1 TICKET/\$25 FOR 3 TICKETS**

WHEN

**Thursday,
Oct. 19th
Homecoming
Week**

WHERE

**Cow & Panels
will be set up
and checked
on every
period.**

HOW

**Find a Booster
Member,
comment on
Facebook Post
or call the
school.**

Lady Jays Volleyball

Our season is off to a great start having three wins and four losses. So far as a team, we have 105 kills, 40 aces, and 315 digs. Our wins are against Gibbon, St. Edward, and McCool Junction. We had a triangular at Heartland Lutheran on Tuesday, September 5th; the Lady Jays also won 3rd place in the Heartland Lutheran Tournament on Saturday, September 9th. Our JV played their first game on Monday, September 11th, which was a loss. On September 19th, we had a home triangular against High Plains and St. Edward; we fought hard but lost to High Plains, then picked up a win against St. Edward. On September 21st, we then had a triangular at Osceola, where we played Osceola and Nebraska Lutheran, and ended up with 2 rough losses. We had a double triangular at Harvard on September 26th, taking a loss against Wilcox-Hildreth and a win against Harvard. On September 30th, we had a triangular against Parkview Christian and Cornerstone Christian. We took a win from Parkview and lost against Cornerstone. We have been working hard and improving at every practice.

Upcoming games

- Thursday, October 5th, Triangular @ Central Valley 5:30
- Friday, October 6th, a dual @ St. Edward 5:00
- Saturday, October 7th, Tournament @ Palmer 1:00;
- Tuesday, October 10th, Triangular @ Palmer at 5:30;
- Goldenrod Conference Tournament, October 12th & 14th, time and location TBD
- Thursday, October 19th, home game vs Palmer and Fullerton 5:30



Football

The Junior Varsity football team traveled 3 hours away to Paxton and had a great first game experience. Ethan L., Wyatt L., and Remo B. all took part in playing our quarterback position; we threw 1 interception and our defense did not allow them to score on it.

Although we came away with a loss, there are a few things that we are going to work on as we continue to practice for our next game, improving on our skills is one of them.

We had a game on Monday, September 18th, as we traveled to play Harvard. It was a difficult game, but as we played hard, the end result was Remo coming away with an injury to his knee.



What are you going to be for Halloween?

Pre-K (AM)

Parker C.- Spiderman
Parker B. - Army Soldier
Oscar - Grinch

Jaxin - Dinosaur
Asher - Chase from Paw Patrol
Ava - Princess

Pre-K (PM)

Cody - Dragon
Alex - Cowboy
Madden-Green Power
Ranger
Everlee - Gymnastic
Graeson - Ninja
Ronan - Robot

Kindergarten

Zariah - Vampirina
Oaklyn - Wednesday Adams
Prestey - A Monster
Tyne - Cowgirl
Branson - Fireman
Travis - A Green Goblin
Ruger - A Transformer
Ryker - Fireman

1st Grade

Kristianna - Harley Quinn
Carson - Super Sonic
Briggston - Bucking Bull
Emmersyn - Dinosaur
Zoey - Witch
Kimi - Wednesday

2nd Grade

Dakota - I don't know
Colby - I want to be a shark
Makynlee - I don't know
Payslee - Princess Peach
Lynnlee - Be a Spooky Princess
Blayden - Steve in Minecraft

3rd Grade

Kynlee - Three Witch
Jarek - An Inflatable Alien
Oliver-I don't Know
Aiden - Farmer
Payton - Hokus Pokus
Zeke - I don't know

What are you going to be for Halloween? cont...

4th Grade

Baylee - Janitor

Saige - Rose Gold Angel

Savannah - Witch

Jack - Minion

Harper - An Inflatable Minion

5th Grade

Maycee - Janitor

Jaylynn - Angle

Carly - ScoobyDoo

Caden - Not sure

Dakota - Foxy

Sawyer - I.D.K

Brody - Football Player

Nolan -Do not know

Sophie - Dorothy and Toto

6th Grade

Dylan - I don't know

Cooper - Five Nights at Freddys/or South Park

Brooklyn -Alvin & The Chipmunks

Sylvia - Mal/Villain kid

Evan - I don't know

Ryker - Phantom Skeleton

Malakye -Something Scary

Mathias - Narato

Hadlee - Alvin & The Chipmunks

Brexton - I don't know

Elsie - Alvin & The Chipmunks

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

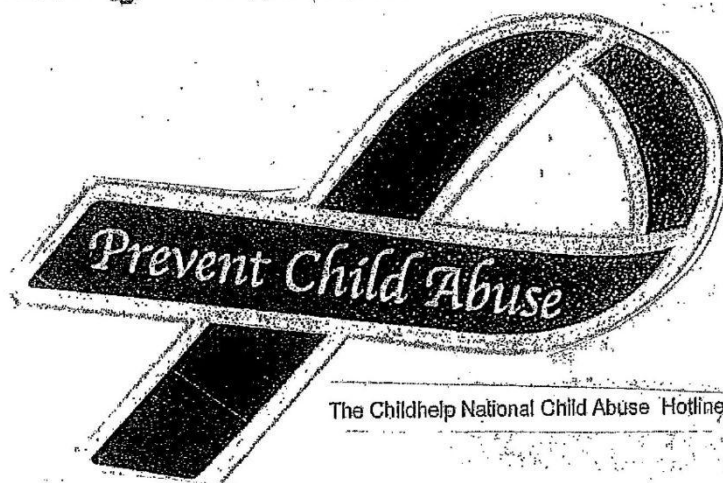
Students, parents, employees, and applicants for admission and employment, and all unions holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with Elba Public School are hereby notified that this institution does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, age, 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.



We have some incredible resources available in our communities. Whether or not families know about them, can access them, or can qualify for them seems to be a major system issue. Moments of crisis for families is something the Behavioral Health System of Care is focusing on, partnering with the **Nebraska Family Helpline** as the #1 resource for help. Helpline operators are trained and can assess immediate safety needs, identify the potential level of crisis, and make recommendations or referrals to appropriate resources. If needed they can help callers connect to emergency resources or providers. The Nebraska Family Helpline can help find providers and community resources for help.



NEBRASKA FAMILY
HELPLINE

888-866-8660

Elba Public Schools

October 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	● 3:00pm: JH Volleyball vs Harvard @ Harvard	● 6:00pm: College/Career Ninth for 9th & 10 Grades	4th thru 6th Grade Field Trip ● 12:35pm: FFA CHAPTER MEETING	● 9:00am: Enviontrhon @ Ord ● 3:00pm: JH Volleyball vs Central Valley @ Central Valley ● 5:30pm: Varsity Volleyball Triangular @ Central Valley	● 2:30pm: Prek thru 3rd Pumpkin Patch Field Trip ● 5:00pm: Varsity Volleyball Dual @ St. Edward	● 1:00pm: Varsity Volleyball Tournament @ Palmer Harvest of Harmony
	8	9	10	11	12	13
	● 2:00pm: JH Volleyball vs St. Edward @ Elba NO SCHOOL--FALL BREAK	NO SCHOOL--FALL BREAK ● 5:30pm: Varsity Volleyball Triangular @ Palmer	LBHD Dental Screenings	Goldenrod Conference Volleyball Tournament ● 9:00am: College/Career Fair @ Ord	● 12:35pm: FFA OFFICER MEETING	Elementary Volleyball Games @ Elba Goldenrod Conference Volleyball Tournament
	15	16	17	18	19	20
	COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY		● 7:00am: Juniors & Seniors Northeast Community College Visit	VOLLEYBALL SENIOR NIGHT ● 3:00pm: JH Volleyball vs Palmer @ Elba END OF 1ST QUARTER ● 5:30pm: Varsity Volleyball Triangular @ Elba	● HOMECOMING NO SCHOOL TEACHER IN SERVICE	
	22	23	24	25	26	27
● 4:00pm: FFA To SCARECROW PATCH	● 11:15am: CCC Rep Visit		● 10:30am: LBHD FLU SHOT CLINIC ● 12:35pm: FFA CHAPTER MEETING		● 12:35pm: FFA OFFICER MEETING FFA CHAPTER MEETING & HALLOWEEN PARTY	
	29	30	31			
						21
						28

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Elba Public Schools

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NATIONAL FFA	2 NATIONAL FFA	3 NO PRESCHOOL NATIONAL FFA	4 ● 9:00am: LOUP CITY PARADE OF PLAYS
5		6 ● 12:35pm: FFA CHAPTER MEETING	7 FFA Livestock & Poultry Evaluation Contest	8	9 ● 12:35pm: FFA OFFICER MEETING	11
			● 12:05pm: Midland University Rep Visit			
12	13 Red Ribbon Week	14 Red Ribbon Week	15 Red Ribbon Week NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORKDAY BLUEJAY FEST	16 Red Ribbon Week	17 Red Ribbon Week	18
19	20 ● 3:00pm: JH Girls Basketball @ Palmer	21 Goldenrod Conference Play Contest 2:00 DISMISSAL TEACHER IN SERVICE	22 THANKSGIVING BREAK	23 THANKSGIVING BREAK	24 THANKSGIVING BREAK	25
26	27 District One Act ● 4:00pm: JH Girls Basketball vs Harvard @ Elba	28	29 ● 12:35pm: FFA CHAPTER MEETING	30 ● 7:00pm: DRAMA & DESSERT		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Donut ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	3 Scrambled Eggs ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	4 Sausage & Toast ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	5 Muffin ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	6 French Toast ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	7
8	9 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK	10 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK	11 Cinnamon Roll ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	12 Streusel/ Cinnamon Coffee Cake ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	13 Pancakes ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	14
15	16 Donut ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	17 Scrambled Eggs ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	18 Sausage, Cheese on a Bun ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	19 French Toast ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	20 NO SCHOOL	21
22	23 Cinnamon Roll ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	24 Breakfast Burrito ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	25 Pop Tarts ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	26 Breakfast Pizza ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	27 Pancakes ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	28
29	30 Donut ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	31 Muffin ...or Cold Cereal & Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	This institution is an equal opportunity provider			

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Chicken Strips Vegetables Cake Milk Salad Bar	2 Walking Tacos Vegetables Cookie Milk Salad Bar	3 Corn Dogs Baked Beans Cookie Milk Salad Bar	4 Hamburger on a Bun Vegetables Cookie Milk Salad Bar	5 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Vegetables Milk Salad Bar	7
	8 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK	9 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK	10 Pulled Pork Sandwich Steak Fries Cake Milk Salad Bar	11 Chicken Nuggets Vegetables Cookie Milk Salad Bar	12 Pizza Vegetables Cookie Milk Salad Bar	13 14
15	16 Ham Patty on a Bun Scalloped Potatoes Cake Milk Salad Bar	17 Chicken Fajitas Vegetables Cookie Milk Salad Bar	18 Hamburger on a Bun Vegetables Cookie Milk Salad Bar	19 Chicken Patty Vegetables Dessert Milk Salad Bar	20 NO SCHOOL	21
22	23 Breaded Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Bread Milk Salad Bar	24 Soft Shell Taco Vegetables Cookie Milk Salad Bar	25 Pizza Burgers Vegetables Cookie Milk Salad Bar	26 Corn Dogs Baked Beans Cookie Milk Salad Bar	27 Chicken Spaghetti Vegetables Garlic Bread Milk Salad Bar	28
29	30 Pulled Pork Sandwich French Fries Cookie Milk Salad Bar	31 Pizza Witches Vegetables Halloween Treat Milk Salad Bar	<p><i>This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</i></p> <p><i>Fruit & Vegetable Salad Bars at Elba Public School comply with the National School Lunch Program. Students will visit the salad bar daily. Fruits and vegetables play a very important part, providing many nutritious and healthy options to choose from.</i></p>			