

**DECEMBER 2018  
 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Dec. 3 - 6:00 p.m. PTO meeting (Elon Library)
- Dec. 4 - Math 24 Game Tournament at MMS 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 6 - Family Fun Night at Funquest 4:00-8:30 p.m. (Fundraiser)
- Dec. 7 - Elon Singers visiting Carrington Nursing Home
- Dec. 12 - 2nd Gr. Parent volunteers on lunch duty (Treating our teachers to duty free lunch)
- Dec. 12 - Hill City Inflatables Family night (4:00-8:00 p.m.)
- Dec. 13 - PTO sponsored event Santa / STEM Night at Elon Elementary 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 14 - Amherst Parade
- Dec. 18 - Special Election (Voting site) at Elon Elementary (Location: Gym)
- Dec. 18 - 4th Grade Winter Holiday Performance (2:30 p.m. dress rehearsal / 7:00 p.m. night performance)
- Dec. 20 - MMS 8th Gr. Band visiting to perform for EES 5th grade classes 10:50 a.m. Location: Gym
- Dec. 21 - Elon Holiday Sing Along lead by Elon Singers
- Dec. 24, 2018 - January 2, 2019 Winter Holiday Break
- January 3, 2019 - Students, Faculty & Staff return to school



**EAGLE'S EYE MONTHLY**

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Academic Excellence for Every Child, Every Day!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break! Our winter holiday break is quickly approaching, yet so much is in store between now and winter break. Please make sure you continually read class newsletters as they are sent home with pertinent information. Stay in close communication with your child(ren)'s teacher. It is imperative that we work together to ensure your child has a successful year.



*In the spirit of this holiday season...*

*I want to extend my thanks to all of you for everything that you do for our school. As we enjoy the upcoming holidays, it is my fervent wish that each of you receives and returns the seasonal bounty of blessings and good tidings that make these days truly special. It is also during this time that I am reminded of my own good fortune to serve as the proud and humble principal of Elon Elementary. Indeed, my career as a public school educator has afforded me vast, varied and richly rewarding opportunities to teach and to learn from young people. I believe the faces of our children best express the true meaning of this holiday season. They radiate a sense of enthusiasm, hope and joy for life. To the parents and friends of the Elon Elementary community, please have a safe and joyous holiday season.*

Sincerely,

Mrs. Scott, Principal Elon Elementary



**2018-2019 Year at a Glance**

- **Mid-Year Awards Assembly**— January 16, 2019 (PK-2 at 9:30 a.m.) (3-5 at 2:30 p.m.)
- **Spring Life Touch Picture Day** - March 14, 2019
- **Spring Break** - April 15– April 19, 2019
- **Kindergarten Registration** April 24 & 25
- **Field Day** May 28, 2019
- **End of Year Awards Assembly** - May 29, 2019
- **Last Day of School** - May 31, 2019



**New Math and History  
 Textbook Adoption Survey**



The Amherst County Public Schools new math and history textbook adoption process is now underway. To all Elon Elementary parents and guardians, at your convenience we ask that you stop by the school to review the textbooks that have been approved by the Virginia Department of Education for each grade level. They will be located either in the cafeteria on stage or the main office hallway beginning Wednesday, December 5th. After reviewing the textbooks, we ask that you complete a brief parent survey that can be found on the homepage of the Amherst County Public Schools website. We are asking that all surveys be completed by December 21, 2018.

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## Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) News



Greetings to all,

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. We have several things going on from now until the end of 2018.

The canned food collection will continue through **Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**. We are working with Amelon United Methodist Church to help collect food for Christmas cheer baskets. The class that collects the most food will have their choice of an extra recess or a holiday cookie and punch party. **Please remember do not send in expired food, dented cans or glass jars.**

It's not too late to purchase an **Attractions Coupon Book**. The books are **\$20.00** and are packed full of coupons that can be used at businesses in Lynchburg, Amherst and surrounding areas. The book pays for itself after one or two uses. They also make great Christmas gifts. Extra forms can be picked up in the school office. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Carter at [melaniec716@yahoo.com](mailto:melaniec716@yahoo.com) or 434-944-0275.

The next **Funquest** fundraiser night will be **Thurs. Dec. 6, from 4:00 to 8:30 pm**. Advance tickets are only **\$1.00** for December and extra forms can be picked up in the office.

**Wednesday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 8:00 pm** is Elon Day at **Hill City Inflatables**. **20%** of every general admission will be given back to the school.

**\*\*Come spend an evening with Santa on Thurs. Dec. 13 from 5:30 to 7:00.** You can visit with Santa, enjoy food from TWS catering, music from Elon Singers, crafts for kids and a chance to bid on some great raffle items. You don't want to miss this event!

The next PTO meeting will be **Monday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00** in the school library. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

We hope that everyone has a safe and wonderful Christmas holiday. As always, we thank you for your continued support for Elon Elementary. We could not do this without you and we look forward to an exciting 2019!

*Sincerely,  
Elon PTO*

## December Box Tops News



A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all who have supported the Box Tops program this year! I am excited to announce that together we have earned over \$600.00 for our school just by clipping box tops! Great job Elon! This valued program helps our school purchase much needed supplies for our students and could not have been done without your support. **THANK YOU!**

To help celebrate the holiday season, the December contest will be a random drawing for a \$20 gift card! One girl and one boy will be eligible to win! Each submitted box top sheet or baggie of box tops equals **one** entry! This contest will end December 20th! Good luck!

Thank you Elon for your support!  
Allison Towler  
Box Tops Coordinator

After school Winter Holiday Mini Art Clubs will be starting up the first week of December for students in grades K-2. Please know to pick students up promptly at 5pm in the car rider circle. Session 1 of Art Club for grades 3-5 ends on *December 4<sup>th</sup>*. Session 2 of Art Club will start on *January 15<sup>th</sup>*.

Students in Art Club Session 1 helped to create a kindness calendar as their community service project. It is posted in the front hallway of the school and we wanted to provide a copy in case your family wanted to be involved at home.

<b>December Kindness Calendar</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1.</b> Read a book with someone.
<b>2.</b> Give a compliment to 3 people.	<b>3.</b> See how many people you can smile at today.	<b>4.</b> Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you.	<b>5.</b> Ask a friend what good things have happened to them recently.	<b>6.</b> Do an act of kindness.	<b>7.</b> Thank someone.	<b>8.</b> Do something helpful for a friend or family member.
<b>9.</b> Let someone know how much you appreciate them.	<b>10.</b> Encourage someone to join you at recess.	<b>11.</b> Thank your teachers.	<b>12.</b> Make a card for someone	<b>13.</b> Smile at people.	<b>14.</b> Tell loved ones why they are special to you.	<b>15.</b> Offer a hug to someone who needs it.
<b>16.</b> Help with chores around the house.	<b>17.</b> Offer help to a friend.	<b>18.</b> Sit with someone new at lunch.	<b>19.</b> Play with someone new at recess.	<b>20.</b> Thank your bus drivers.	<b>21.</b> Use manners the whole day.	<b>22.</b> Help adults at home with dinner.