



# EEL NEWS



From the Eminence Community School Corporation Office

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## Spring is Just Around the Corner!

It has been incredibly busy the last few months. As I am sure all of you know by now, Mrs Corey Scott, K-12 Principal resigned this past month. We are fortunate that Mr. Dustin Adams has stepped up as acting K-12 Principal. For those of you who may not have heard, Mrs. Ashley Wilcoxon will serve as Dean of Students for the rest of the school year - assisting Mr. Adams. These changes were approved at our February school board meeting. I have never seen a change in administration happen so professionally and flawlessly. I want to thank our entire K-12 staff for working together to keep everything running smoothly for our students!

**Our biggest news of the New Year** at Eminence Elementary is receiving a \$628,000 competitive grant for school improvement. It is important to note that this is not money that can be used to pay for what we would have to fund already - such as staff salaries and utility bills. This is money that will be spread out over the next four years to help us improve student achievement and give our students additional opportunities for learning! *Please read Mr. Adams' STEM News on page 2 for more about what this grant will do for us!*

**Thanks** to the other grants we have received this year - we will be able to expand some of our STEM training and initiatives into the Junior and Senior High School!

Speaking of "THANKS," we continue to be blessed with community members willing to help and support our school functions. Thanks to Julia Herwehe (providing flowers) and Tony Marsh (Dance DJ) and staff members Emily Coke, Carissa Kemp, Cory Tinsley, Kate Prohl, and Chelsea Storm - for making our Homecoming and Dance a success!

**PTO is in need of parents** willing to help with our many events. Without volunteers, we are unable to plan (and even may have to cancel) upcoming events. Your help throughout the year is so beneficial to the memories our students take away with them!

**You will notice** in this newsletter and at our recent STEM Expo the "catch word" **STEMinance**. Thank you to 5th Grader Michael Cash for coming

up with this "play on words!" The fact that this was suggested by a student makes it even more special.

### DATES TO REMEMBER...

February 27 - Boys Sectional  
March 6 - Community Coffee 6 p.m.

March 9 - End of 3rd Grading Period

March 15 - School Board Mtg. 7 p.m.

March 23 - Snow Make-Up Day - No School if NOT Needed

March 26-30 **Spring Break**



**Although the weather didn't cooperate - FFA Week was successful. Ice cream was served and pictures taken Friday during the games.**



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Hunter Adkins, 3rd Grade, came to The STEM Expo dressed up like Mr. Adams for "Dress Like A Teacher Day!"



## STEMinance Update

By Dustin Adams

**Science, technology, engineering, and math** stepped out into the spotlight at our first STEM Expo. Students, parents and staff were also able to celebrate the kick off of a two year initiative to transform the school into one of the few STEM certified schools in the state!

A **STEM Expo** differs from a Science Fair primarily in shifting from a competitive event to a collaborative event. Students worked in small groups to research, design, and build prototypes and models including slow release pills, prosthetic hands, rollercoasters, rockets, parachutes, and lungs that inhale and exhale. Primary students investigated the five senses and created "smellenators" that helped them smell at a distance.

**Adding to the excitement**, Eminence Elementary also announced and celebrated receiving a \$628,850 school improvement grant from the state. With the grant, Eminence Elementary will provide afterschool and summer remediation and extensions, support development of staff and school administration, and implement a STEM curriculum. This grant is applied over four years to spur dramatic school improvement.

The process to become STEM certified is a challenging process. There are currently only 30 STEM certified schools in the state, one being Morgan County's very own Brooklyn STEM Academy. The process includes redesigning curriculum and physical spaces to deeply integrate science, technology, engineering, and math throughout the day. The school must leverage community partnerships to complete projects and solve real-world problems.



**STEM** Science, Technology,  
Engineering, Mathematics

## COMMUNITY INPUT...

Many times, we are asked how can families and the community stay involved in our students' education. As Superintendent, I would like to invite you to come out for a Community Coffee. This is your opportunity to hear the latest K-12 happenings, give suggestions, ask questions, and network with others! Our next coffee is Tuesday, March 6, from 6-7 p.m. in the Administration Building. We want you to be a part of what is happening in our schools! I will be discussing **SCHOOL SAFETY**. Please RSVP if you are able to come by calling the Administration Office at 765-528-2101 or email [lpnman@eminence.k12.in.us](mailto:lpnman@eminence.k12.in.us). Parents, guardians, grandparents and community members are welcome. Depending on the anticipated attendance, we may move the coffee to the Jr.-Sr. High Media Center.

