

NEWS & NOTES

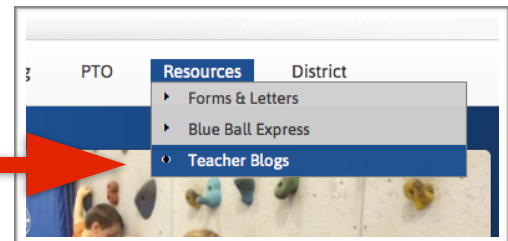
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Elanco has a New Website!

Our school district's website has been undergoing a makeover this year, and the new website is now live for your use. There may be some "growing pains" as information is updated, so we appreciate your patience during this transition.

By visiting www.elanco.org, you will be taken to the main district page, where you can then visit your child's school website. All elementary teachers were given the option of creating a blog/website for home-school communication this year. Many teachers have already designed and begun posting to their blogs and have likely already shared the blog's site address with you. Other teachers are still in the process of creating their blogs. Please visit your school's site, then find the **Resources** tab on the right, and beneath Resources, the **Teacher Blogs** link. Click on Teacher Blogs, and you will be taken to the collection of blogs for your child's school. Simply find the grade level or specialty area of the blog you're interested in viewing, and click on the teacher's name. If the teacher's name is not an active link, that means he or she has not yet published a blog. Please feel free to contact me or your child's teacher with any questions!



Home Access to Educational Resources

Super Symbaloo! You may have heard your child reference his Symbaloo page that he uses to navigate to different educational websites and applications. Feel free to visit and bookmark these "mixes" for your use at home. They are also located on the district website under **Operations -> Technology Services -> Elementary Student Links**.



The grades 3-6 Symbaloo link is: www.symbaloo.com/mix/elanco3-6

While there is a general K-2 mix posted on the district website, each building has its own K-2 mix. Access your school's primary mix by visiting the links below:

www.symbaloo.com/mix/brecknockk-2

www.symbaloo.com/mix/blueballk-2

www.symbaloo.com/mix/newhollandk-2

From these main webmixes are collections of Elementary Research resources, Hour of Code activities, Games for Learning, and more. Enjoy!

Digital Citizenship 101

This spring, your child's computer lab teachers and I will again be teaching digital citizenship lessons during special to students in grades 1-6. Below are the lesson topics we will introduce. Please take some time to talk with your child about the concepts they're learning! Lessons will begin in March and last through April. Most of our lesson resources come from Common Sense Media, a wonderful organization that shares digital resources with educators and parents. It is important that as parents and educators, we speak openly and honestly to our children about participation in online communities and using the Internet productively and safely. We must model in our own digital interactions what it means to be a positive digital citizen, contributor and creator in online spaces.



Visit www.common Sense Media.org/ to learn more!

Grade 1 - Online privacy, responsibilities in online communities

Grade 2 - Digital footprints

Grade 3 - Responsibilities in online communities and showing respect online

Grade 4 - Positive online communication and privacy, cyberbullying, copyright topics

Grade 5 - Talking safely online, online privacy

Grade 6 - Examining your digital life, a creator's rights & copyright

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