

Carl L. Dixon Primary School Pre K - Grade 1  
Alice E. Grady Elementary School Grades 2 - 6  
Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School Grades 7 - 12



**Students as Leaders**

**Elmsford Union Free School District 2023-2024 CALENDAR**



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# 2023-2024 Board of Education

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## A Message from the Board of Education

Dear Elmsford Community,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are looking forward to another year of scholastic progress, success, growth and leadership development for all our students. Throughout this academic year, we are eager to continue the close working relationships we have forged with our parents/guardians, community members and local business partners, as we are all invested in the successful educational outcome of our children.

We strongly encourage you to attend our regularly scheduled Board of Education meetings which are held monthly, usually on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7 p.m. in the Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium. The public is urged to not only attend, but to participate in these meetings, where informative presentations are given, the success of students is recognized and the contributions of community members are honored. The lines of communication are always open. Working together, we will produce college and career-ready graduates who are prepared to be the next generation of leaders. For more information on the Board of Education and our board meetings, visit us on the web at [elmsfordboe.org](http://elmsfordboe.org).

Sincerely,

*The Elmsford Board of Education* “Dedicated to Excellence”

## Board of Education Policy on School Conduct and Discipline

The Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District is committed to the premise that individuals, when given access to knowledge, will choose wisely. When large numbers of people congregate, there are rules that apply, not only to make the environment safe but also to provide an atmosphere conducive to learning. It is the purpose of the Board to establish rules that apply equally to everyone. It is the hope of the Board that students, guided by both their parents/guardians and school officials, will become self-directed and self-disciplined in order to be aware of their own needs as well as the needs of others.

The Elmsford Union Free School District is dedicated to providing an educational environment in which all individuals of school age will be guided to the fullest capacity so they will thrive. The goal of the District is to create a setting in which children will be helped to grow into intelligent, self-directed persons willing to accept responsibility for what they do, and in which students are willing to contribute to school and community.

## Board of Education Meeting Dates 2023-2024

July 11, 2023	Annual Reorganization Meeting	6:00 p.m.
August 23, 2023	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
September 13, 2023	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
October 4, 2023	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
November 8, 2023	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
December 6, 2023	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
January 10, 2024	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
February 7, 2024	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
March 2, 2024	Budget Workshop	8:30 a.m.
March 6, 2024	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
April 10, 2024	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
May 1, 2024	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
June 12, 2024	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
July 9, 2024	Annual Reorganization Meeting	6:00 p.m.

Additional meetings of the Board of Education may be scheduled by the Board of Education due to special circumstances.



### Carl L. Dixon Primary School

“Laying the Foundation for Tomorrow”

At the Carl L. Dixon Primary School, there is a real effort to prepare students to succeed at the higher grades and beyond but also to address their social and emotional needs. We believe that a solid foundation is being laid for our students at Dixon. Beyond the basics of reading and writing, we help them develop the skills and habits necessary for enduring success.



#### What We're Most Proud Of:

- First and foremost, Dixon prides itself in building a love of learning. Students that love learning will engage at a deeper, more meaningful level.
- Dixon's instructional methodology features a balance of teacher-managed instruction, as well as periods of time in which students manage their own learning through activities carefully chosen to engage and challenge.
- Our families are considered an important part of our school community. Our school calendar features numerous events designed to embrace the school/family partnership while celebrating diversity.

#### Principal

Phone: 914-592-2092 | Fax: 914-592-2163

22 South Hillside Ave. · Elmsford, N.Y. 10523

**Grades:** Pre K – 1st Grade

#### Hours:

Pre K:

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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K – 1st Grade:

8:45 a.m. – 2:55 p.m. (Monday)

8:45 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. (Tuesday–Friday)

### Alice E. Grady Elementary School

“Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow”

At Alice E. Grady Elementary School we continue to foster and support student leaders by building upon mindfulness practices that promote the social-emotional well being of students in addition to building opportunities for student voices to be shared in our school community. We believe as the bridge between Carl L. Dixon Primary School and Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School we are preparing students to become innovative thinkers and leaders of the 21st century.



#### What We're Known For:

- We foster an atmosphere of respect at every grade level, with student leaders demonstrating kindness, good citizenship, and concern for others through initiatives like the “Giving Tree,” and “Soup Bowl.”
- We honor and celebrate diversity. Our students proudly showcase their culture and talents through their participation in cultural celebrations, sharing days, and performances.
- Our “Fitness Fridays” allow students to experience physical activity in a whole new way as the Grady family of students and teachers “synergize” and “sharpen the saw” together getting fit and having fun.

#### Dr. Andrea Hamilton, Principal

Phone: 914-592-8962 | Fax: 914-592-5439

45 South Goodwin Ave. · Elmsford, NY 10523

**Grades:** 2 – 6

#### Hours:

8:20 a.m. – 2:25 p.m. (Monday)

8:20 a.m. – 2:50 p.m. (Tuesday–Friday)

### Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School

“A Community of Leaders”

The Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School is where Dr. Covey's work was introduced several years ago. In the “Peers as Leaders” program, students are preparing to become leaders of the 21st century by learning how to facilitate workshops, managing conflict resolution and acquiring sharp decision-making skills.



#### Why We're Great:

- AHHS has been recognized by Character.org as a Promising Practice School, an acknowledgement of our Peer Leadership Program.
- We continue to expand our college course offerings in English, Math, Science and Music.
- Our graduation rate continues to surpass our strategic goals.
- Our Guidance Department continues to provide valuable workshops for students and parents, keeping them informed of graduation requirements, the college admissions process, financial aid requirements and financial aid literacy, as well as tips on how to help students navigate the high school years.
- Our annual College Fair opens up a whole new world for our students, exposing them to over 40 colleges, universities and several branches of the armed forces.
- Extra-curricular initiatives continue to grow, including our highly regarded drama program and our Interscholastic Athletic Program.

#### Mr. Joseph Engelhardt, Principal

Phone: 914-592-7311 | Fax: 914-592-2881

98 South Goodwin Ave. · Elmsford, NY 10523

**Grades:** 7 – 12

#### Hours:

7:45 a.m. – 1:57 p.m. (Monday)

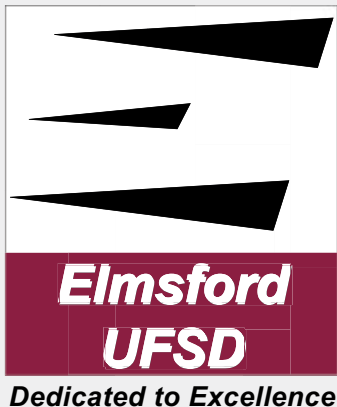
7:45 a.m. – 2:24 p.m. (Tuesday–Friday)

## The District's Mission

The mission of the Elmsford Union Free School District is to optimize teaching and learning for student achievement. We promise to provide each child with an excellent academic education, which will ultimately provide a pathway for him or her to pursue college and careers.

**We envision a school district community that has the following values:**

- **Student Focused:** students are our first priority.
- **Character:** value integrity, diversity and mutual respect; we take pride in all that we do.
- **High Expectations:** all students will achieve success.
- **Teaching and Learning:** implement a rigorous curriculum that includes academics, the arts and athletics.
- **Health and Safety:** provide a healthy, safe and secure environment.
- **Community:** the family and community partnership is essential.



## The District's Vision for Your Child

Our vision is to maintain excellence and graduate each student prepared for college or career.

Our values are student-focused, with an emphasis on character, high expectations, teaching and learning, health and safety, and community.

Our 2020-2023 Strategic Plan is focused on four main areas:

### Learning

#### Explore challenging curriculum & instruction

- Establish rigorous expectations through aligned curriculum and differentiated instruction.
- Identify our at-risk students, target learning gaps, provide proactive interventions.
- Optimize science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) opportunities and participation in Pre k-12 programs.

### Whole Child

#### Support students' social and emotional needs

- Foster a culture built on evidence-based interventions that address students' diverse social and emotional needs.

### Environment

#### Ensure safe, nurturing and culturally responsive schools for all

- Effectuate an equity system that focuses on cultural awareness, empowerment and purposeful communication.

### Partnerships

#### Engage parents and community

- Promote the importance of learning by ensuring students are in school and on-time.
- Maintain and upgrade our facilities with consideration for how to address aging infrastructure.
- Develop opportunities for engagement among students, staff, alumni, local business, PTSA and colleges.



## Support Services



The Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education meet regularly to make recommendations regarding the education of students with disabilities to the Board of Education and to parents of such students. A disability is defined as a mental, physical, emotional or learning problem that interferes with a child's ability to benefit from full-time regular classroom instruction. The committees are legally responsible for finding out whether a child has a disability, determining what services are needed, and making sure that these services are provided. This does not mean that the child cannot or will not learn, but rather that he or she will need special help in school.

Parts 200 and 201 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education delineate the procedures for referral, evaluation, development of an Individualized Education Program (IEP), and placement and review of students with disabilities. These regulations can be found at <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/specialed/lawregs/part200.htm>. They are also available from the district's Office of Special Education.

For more information about the Committees on Special Education or Pre-School Special Education, please call our Special Education Office at **914-592-4615**.

## School & Community



### Greetings from the Elmsford PTSA

The Elmsford PTSA is a voice for all children, a resource for families and community and an advocate for education and well-being of every child. The Elmsford PTSA takes tremendous pride in the programs and resources made available for all the children in our school community. This organization brings together students, parents, teachers and administration with the common goal of giving the very best to our students while constantly striving for improvement.

Because of the PTSA, we have great events such as picture day, book fairs, social events and scholarships for graduating seniors.

Please reach out to get involved and stay informed: [ElmsfordPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:ElmsfordPTSA@gmail.com)

Follow us on FaceBook: Elmsford Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) group

### Parent Teacher Student Association Officers for 2023-24

President:	Katie Cantor
1st Vice President:	La'Iqah Ali
2nd Vice President:	Denine Robinson
Treasurer:	Arlene McDuffie
Secretary:	Nicole Tarpey

## Transportation



Student transportation is intended to fulfill specific objectives including the following:

- Provide safe, efficient and economical transportation to and from school.
- Accommodate the requirements of the instructional program.
- Maintain conditions on buses that are consistent with the best interests of the students.
- Promote a public understanding of the transportation program including safety, adequacy, efficiency and standards of service.

The following distance limitations shall apply:

- All students in grades K-12 in public, private and parochial schools who live more than a ½ mile from their respective schools shall be transported.
- Transportation shall be provided for all disabled students, as mandated by New York State law.
- Transportation shall not be provided for students attending any private/parochial school located more than 15 miles from a student's residence, except in the case of disabled students.

### Private/Parochial School Transportation Requests

Parents in the Elmsford Union Free School District requiring transportation for their children to private or parochial schools may apply for transportation no later than **April 1** of the previous school year in order for their child to receive transportation in the following school year. Detailed information and application forms are available in the Business Office by calling **914-592-2276**.



# Health

## 2023-24 School Year New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance<sup>1</sup>

### NOTES:

All children must be age-appropriately immunized to attend school in NYS. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Intervals between doses of vaccine must be in accordance with the "ACIP-Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule." Doses received before the minimum age or intervals are not valid and do not count toward the number of doses listed below. See footnotes for specific information for each vaccine. Children who are enrolling in grade-less classes must meet the immunization requirements of the grades for which they are age equivalent.

**Dose requirements MUST be read with the footnotes of this schedule.**

Vaccines	Prekindergarten (Day Care, Head Start, Nursery or Pre-k)	Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	Grades 12
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap/Td) <sup>2</sup>	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses if the 4th dose was received at 4 years or older or 3 doses if 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older	3 doses	
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine booster (Tdap) <sup>3</sup>	Not applicable		1 dose	
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) <sup>4</sup>	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older		
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) <sup>5</sup>	1 dose	2 doses		
Hepatitis B vaccine <sup>6</sup>	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years		
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine <sup>7</sup>	1 dose	2 doses		
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) <sup>8</sup>	Not applicable		Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11: 1 dose	2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was received at 16 years or older
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) <sup>9</sup>	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV) <sup>10</sup>	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		

The school nurse in each building is responsible for coordinating student physicals, maintaining student health records, including proof of immunization, and providing attention to health problems that arise during the instructional day. The nurse also conducts annual vision screenings of students in Pre-K or kindergarten as well as grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 11 and all new students to the district. Hearing screenings are conducted annually in grades Pre-K or kindergarten, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 11 and all new students to the district. Scoliosis (spinal curvature) screening for all girls in grades 5 and 7, and boys in grade 9. Physical exams are required in grades Pre-K or kindergarten, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 and all new students. Dental certificates are requested as well in these grades. If the nurse in each building does not receive these required forms by the specified date, the district physician(s) and dentist(s) will examine the student.

Questions about medications or any other specific concerns can be addressed to the nurse by calling:  
Dixon at **914-592-1063**  
Grady at **914-592-2252**  
Hamilton at **914-592-6839**

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1. Demonstrated serologic evidence of measles, mumps or rubella antibodies or laboratory confirmation of these diseases is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases. Serologic tests for polio are acceptable proof of immunity only if the test was performed before September 1, 2019, and all three serotypes were positive. A positive blood test for hepatitis B surface antibody is acceptable proof of immunity to hepatitis B. Demonstrated serologic evidence of varicella antibodies, laboratory confirmation of varicella disease or diagnosis by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner that a child has had varicella disease is acceptable proof of immunity to varicella.
2. Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine. (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
  - a. Children starting the series on time should receive a 5-dose series of DTaP vaccine at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and at 15 through 18 months and at 4 years or older. The fourth dose may be received as early as age 12 months, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since the third dose. However, the fourth dose of DTaP need not be repeated if it was administered at least 4 months after the third dose of DTaP. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
  - b. If the fourth dose of DTaP was administered at 4 years or older, and at least 6 months after dose 3, the fifth (booster) dose of DTaP vaccine is not required.
  - c. Children 7 years and older who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP vaccine series should receive Tdap vaccine as the first dose in the catch-up series; if additional doses are needed, use Td or Tdap vaccine. If the first dose was received before their first birthday, then 4 doses are required, as long as the final dose was received at 4 years or older. If the first dose was received on or after the first birthday, then 3 doses are required, as long as the final dose was received at 4 years or older.
3. Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) adolescent booster vaccine. (Minimum age for grades 6 through 9: 10 years; minimum age for grades 10, 11, and 12: 7 years)
  - a. Students 11 years or older entering grades 6 through 12 are required to have one dose of Tdap.
  - b. In addition to the grade 6 through 12 requirement, Tdap may also be given as part of the catch-up series for students 7 years of age and older who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP series, as described above. In school year 2023-2024, only doses of Tdap given at age 10 years or older will satisfy the Tdap requirement for students in grades 6 through 9; however, doses of Tdap given at age 7 years or older will satisfy the requirement for students in grades 10, 11, and 12.
  - c. Students who are 10 years old in grade 6 and who have not yet received a Tdap vaccine are in compliance until they turn 11 years old.
4. Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) or oral polio vaccine (OPV). (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
  - a. Children starting the series on time should receive a series of IPV at 2 months, 4 months and at 6 through 18 months, and at 4 years or older. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
  - b. For students who received their fourth dose before age 4 and prior to August 7, 2010, 4

doses separated by at least 4 weeks is sufficient.

- c. If the third dose of polio vaccine was received at 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose, the fourth dose of polio vaccine is not required.
- d. For children with a record of OPV, only trivalent OPV (tOPV) counts toward NYS school polio vaccine requirements. Doses of OPV given before April 1, 2016, should be counted unless specifically noted as monovalent, bivalent or as given during a poliovirus immunization campaign. Doses of OPV given on or after April 1, 2016, must not be counted.
5. Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. (Minimum age: 12 months)
  - a. The first dose of MMR vaccine must have been received on or after the first birthday. The second dose must have been received at least 28 days (4 weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.
  - b. Measles: One dose is required for prekindergarten. Two doses are required for grades kindergarten through 12.
  - c. Mumps: One dose is required for prekindergarten. Two doses are required for grades kindergarten through 12.
  - d. Rubella: At least one dose is required for all grades (prekindergarten through 12).
6. Hepatitis B vaccine
  - a. Dose 1 may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. Dose 2 must be given at least 4 weeks (28 days) after dose 1. Dose 3 must be at least 8 weeks after dose 2 AND at least 16 weeks after dose 1 AND no earlier than age 24 weeks (when 4 doses are given, substitute "dose 4" for "dose 3" in these calculations).
  - b. Two doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) received at least 4 months apart at age 11 through 15 years will meet the requirement.
7. Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. (Minimum age: 12 months)
  - a. The first dose of varicella vaccine must have been received on or after the first birthday. The second dose must have been received at least 28 days (4 weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.
  - b. For children younger than 13 years, the recommended minimum interval between doses is 3 months (if the second dose was administered at least 4 weeks after the first dose, it can be accepted as valid); for persons 13 years and older, the minimum interval between doses is 4 weeks.
8. Meningococcal conjugate ACWY vaccine (MenACWY). (Minimum age for grades 7 through 10: 10 years; minimum age for grades 11 and 12: 6 weeks)
  - a. One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (Menactra, Menveo or MenQuadfi) is required for students entering grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.
  - b. For students in grade 12, if the first dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine was received at 16 years or older, the second (booster) dose is not required.
  - c. The second dose must have been received at 16 years or older. The minimum interval between doses is 8 weeks.
9. Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) conjugate vaccine. (Minimum age:

6 weeks)

- a. Children starting the series on time should receive Hib vaccine at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and at 12 through 15 months. Children older than 15 months must get caught up according to the ACIP catch-up schedule. The final dose must be received on or after 12 months.
- b. If 2 doses of vaccine were received before age 12 months, only 3 doses are required with dose 3 at 12 through 15 months and at least 8 weeks after dose 2.
- c. If dose 1 was received at age 12 through 14 months, only 2 doses are required with dose 2 at least 8 weeks after dose 1.
- d. If dose 1 was received at 15 months or older, only 1 dose is required.
- e. Hib vaccine is not required for children 5 years or older.
- f. For further information, refer to the CDC Catch-Up Guidance for Healthy Children 4 Months through 4 Years of Age.
10. Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV). (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
  - a. Children starting the series on time should receive PCV vaccine at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and at 12 through 15 months. Children older than 15 months must get caught up according to the ACIP catch-up schedule. The final dose must be received on or after 12 months.
  - b. Unvaccinated children ages 7 through 11 months are required to receive 2 doses, at least 4 weeks apart, followed by a third dose at 12 through 15 months.
  - c. Unvaccinated children ages 12 through 23 months are required to receive 2 doses of vaccine at least 8 weeks apart.
  - d. If one dose of vaccine was received at 24 months or older, no further doses are required.
  - e. PCV is not required for children 5 years or older.
  - f. For further information, refer to the CDC Catch-Up Guidance for Healthy Children 4 Months through 4 Years of Age.

For further information, contact:

**New York State Department of Health**  
Bureau of Immunization  
Room 649, Corning Tower ESP · Albany, NY 12237 · (518) 473-4437  
**New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**  
Program Support Unit, Bureau of Immunization,  
42-09 28th Street, 5th floor  
Long Island City, NY 11101 · (347) 396-2433  
New York State Department of Health/Bureau of Immunization  
[health.ny.gov/immunization](http://health.ny.gov/immunization)

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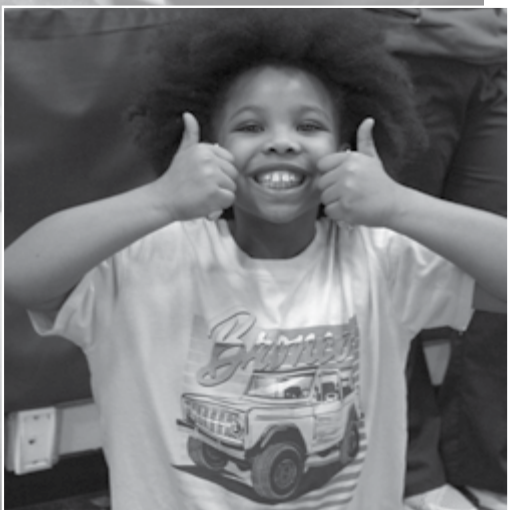
## Additional Opportunities

### Literacy

Literacy instruction is at the core of our strategic planning goals. Through our planning for student learning experiences, it is our goal to deliver high quality instruction by aligning to and going beyond the NYS academic standards. Additionally, we provide our students with the classroom and home support, by ensuring that all students are given the strategies and opportunity to read relevant and diverse texts. We assess our students to ensure that their learning experience promotes reading complex texts, taking into consideration that each student learns at different levels and in different ways. Our curriculum team is committed to ensuring that our students are given the literacy skills that are required in college and for their careers.

### College/University Partnerships

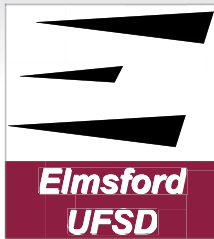
The instructional practices of our teachers are being enhanced through partnerships with Manhattanville College, Mercy College, Pace University and SUNY Albany. The creation of Professional Learning Communities at both the middle/high school level and in the elementary grades is another chance for the district and for local third-level institutions to improve the educational opportunities of the region's diverse student populations.





# Back to School

Students return to school to kick off the new year!



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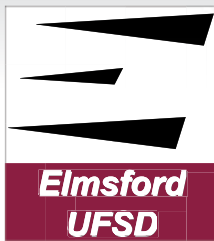
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUG 27	AUG 28	AUG 29	AUG 30	AUG 31	1	2
			Superintendent's Conference Day – Staff Only	Grady Supply Drop Off Kindergarten Open House Superintendent's Conference Day – Staff Only		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Labor Day SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS OPEN			PTSA Back to School Social – Grady 5–8 p.m.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Board of Education Meeting, AHHS Library 7 p.m.			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Dixon ENL Parent Night 6:30 p.m. Dixon Back to School Night 7:00 p.m.	AHHS ENL Parent Night 6:30 p.m. AHHS Back to School Night 7:00 p.m.	Grady ENL Parent Night 6:30 p.m. Grady Back to School Night 7:00 p.m.	Emergency Dismissal Drill - Students Dismissed 15 minutes early	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Yom Kippur SCHOOLS CLOSED			Financial Aid night 6:30 p.m.	Dixon/Grady Fitness Friday	

# WELCOME BACK!



# Fall Fun

Costumed students march in the Halloween Parade



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### Emergency School Delays and Closings

If the weather is inclement (snow or ice) with improving conditions, the opening of school will be delayed by one or two hours. Buses will follow this schedule. If weather conditions are severe with no improvement in the forecast, schools will be closed for the day. A Connect Ed message will be sent to all registered telephone numbers.

Additionally, the Elmsford fire whistle will be sounded every 15 minutes beginning at 7 a.m. indicating that school will be closed for the day. In the event of a delayed opening, all before-school programs will be cancelled.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 <i>Board of Education Meeting, AHHS Auditorium 7 p.m.</i>	5	6 <i>AHHS MP1 Progress Reports Mailed Home</i>	7
8	9 <i>Columbus Day SCHOOLS CLOSED</i>	10	11	12 <i>AHHS FAFSA Night</i> <div>PSAT Exam</div>	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Regeneration Day of Doing Good at Grady</i>	21
22	23	24	25 <i>AHHS College Fair 8 a.m.</i>	26	27 <i>PTSA Trunk or Treat 6-8 p.m. Dixson Fitness Friday</i>	28
29	30 <i>Halloween Parade</i>	31	<div>CELEBRATE</div> <div>National Hispanic Heritage Month</div>			

Check the Elmsford Union Free School District website for cancellations and school closings at [eufsd.org](https://eufsd.org).

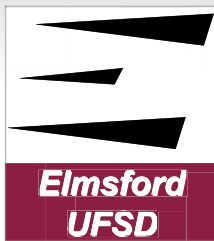
In addition, the following radio/TV stations will announce school delays and closings:

• WHUD/100.7 • Cablevision Channel 12 News • WABC/Channel 7



# Formal Friday Dance

Dixson School students dress up and dance as part of the Formal Friday Dance activity



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### Absences and Tardiness

Under the School Attendance Laws of New York State, parents are responsible for their children's regular attendance and punctuality. Illness of the child, emergency illness in the family, death in the immediate family, inclement weather and specific religious observances are the only legal reasons for absence.

Each time a child is absent or tardy, a written excuse is required. This excuse should be sent with the child when he or she returns to school, or on the day that he or she is tardy. The note must include the reason for the absence or tardiness, the date(s) of absence and a signature only by the parent or guardian. Parents should call the school in the morning on each day the student is absent, providing a reason for the absence.

Hamilton: (914) 592-6349  
Grady: (914) 592-2252  
Dixon: (914) 592-1063

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			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 <i>Superintendent's Conference Day – Staff Only</i>	8 <i>Board of Education Meeting, AHHS Auditorium 7 p.m.</i>	9 <i>AHHS End of 1st Marking Period</i>	10 <i>Veterans Day Observed SCHOOLS CLOSED</i>	11
12	13 <i>AHHS MP1 Report Cards Mailed Home</i>	14	15	16 <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences 6 – 8:30 p.m.</i>	17 <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30–3:00 p.m.</i>  <i>½ DAY FOR STUDENTS AHHS 10:45 a.m. Grady 11:15 a.m. Dixon 11:35 a.m.</i>	18
DIXSON/GRADY BOOK FAIR						
19	20	21	22 <i>Staff Development Day Grady Fitness Wednesday</i>  <i>½ DAY FOR STUDENTS AHHS 10:45 a.m. Grady 11:15 a.m. Dixon 11:35 a.m.</i>	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 <i>Dixon Fitness Thursday</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED</i>	

**Reminder:** Daylight savings time ends Sunday, Nov. 5. Be sure to turn your clocks back 1 hour

### Opt-In To Our Notification System

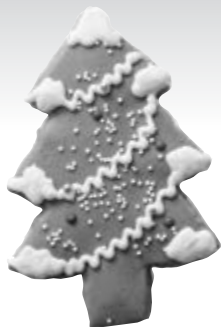
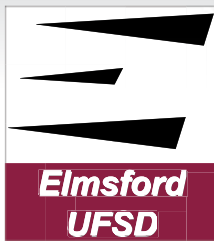


Would you like to receive district notifications?  
Visit [eufsd.org](http://eufsd.org) and look for the opt-in link.



# Holiday Concerts

**Students prepare all fall for the Holiday Concert Series**



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### Before & After School Care Programs

YMCA Before and After School Care Programs in the Elmsford School District will run on-site at the Alice E. Grady Elementary School.

#### Program Information:

Alice E. Grady Elementary School

#### Before School:

7:00 a.m. – Start of School

#### After School:

Dismissal – 6:30 p.m.

Visit [ymca-cnw.org](http://ymca-cnw.org) for more information.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>HOLIDAY SEASON!</b>					1 <i>Dixon/Grady 1st Trimester Ends</i>	2
3	4	5 <i>Board of Education Meeting AHHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.</i>	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>AHHS MP2 Progress Reports Mailed Home</i>	16
17	18	19	20 <i>Dixon Holiday Show District Holiday Concert 7 p.m.</i>	21	22 <i>Dixon Fitness Friday</i>	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	<i>Holiday Recess – SCHOOLS CLOSED</i>					

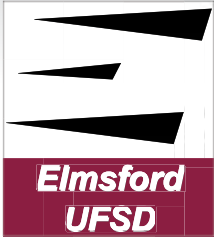
**Snow Days/Make-up Days: There are 3 snow days built into this calendar.**

If additional days are needed due to school closings, days will be deducted from vacation as follows: April 1, March 29, etc.



# Begin Anew

**Students learn from former students at the Alumni Panel event**



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### Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Eligibility

Children are eligible for Pre-K and kindergarten if they meet the following:

- Are 4 years old on or before Dec. 1 (Pre-K)
- Are 5 years old on or before Dec. 1 (Kindergarten)

Requirements for registration include evidence of a child's birth date, proof of residency and proof of immunization against measles, German measles (rubella), polio, mumps, Hepatitis B and diphtheria.

Initial registration applications must be filled out online at [registration.eufsd.org](https://registration.eufsd.org)

Call 914-592-3758 before visiting to ensure prompt service.

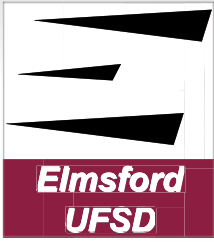
January 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Holiday Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED		SCHOOLS REOPEN			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Board of Education Meeting AHHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day SCHOOLS CLOSED					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		NEW YORK STATE REGENTS EXAMS				
28	29	30	31			
		AHHS MP2 Report Cards Mailed Home				

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



# 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

Students dress as 100-year-olds to celebrate the school's 100<sup>th</sup> day



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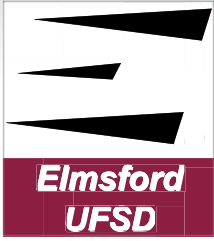
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CELEBRATE Black History Month				1	2	3
4	5 <div>Pre-K Registration Begins – AHHS Room 103 (see website for details)</div>	6	7 <div>Board of Education Meeting AHHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.</div>	8	9	10
11	12 <div>Kindergarten Registration Begins – AHHS Room 103 (see website for details)</div>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Winter Recess — SCHOOLS CLOSED						
25	26	27	28	29 <div>Dixon Fitness Thursday AHHS College Information Night (Juniors) 6:30 p.m.</div>		





# Student Athletes

Student Athletes take great pride in their accomplishments in Elmsford School sports



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### Working Papers

The district cooperates with the New York State Department of Labor in issuing working papers required by law for students under the age of 18 who seek employment.

All those who need to obtain working papers should contact the high school guidance office at 914-592-8532.

March 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	March is B.E.A.R. month at Dixon — “Be Excited About Reading”					1  Board of Education Budget Workshop AHHS Library 8:30 a.m.
3	4 Staff Development Day ½ DAY FOR STUDENTS AHHS 10:45 a.m. Grady 11:15 a.m. Dixon 11:35 a.m.	5  Pre-K Registration Ends	6  Board of Education Meeting AHHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.	7	8  AHHS MP3 Progress Reports Mailed Home	9
10	11	12	13	14	15  Dixon/Grady 2nd Trimester Ends	16
17	18	19	20	21	22  Grady Sharing Day Dixon/Grady Fitness Friday	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Spring Recess — SCHOOLS CLOSED					

**Reminder:** Daylight Savings Time begins March 10 (turn clocks ahead 1 hour).

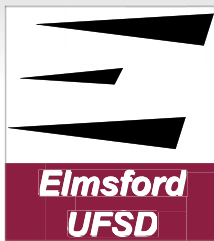
The deadline for transportation requests to non-public schools is **April 1st**. Requests should be made to the Transportation Director at 914-592-2276.

**CELEBRATE**  
**Women’s History**  
**Month**



# Garden Glory

The GREEN Club at AHHS celebrated Earth Day by planting a new flower garden



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### School District Publications

The Elmsford Union Free School District often spotlights students and their accomplishments in school district publications, including Elmsford's e-newsletter, this calendar, brochures and other publications. If you don't want your child's picture used in such publications, you must notify your child's principal by **Sept. 13** of each school year. Otherwise, it is understood that permission is granted by parents for the use of student images and names in materials published by the district for this purpose, as well as on the district website.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Spring Recess — SCHOOLS CLOSED*					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Board of Education Meeting, AHHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.	Grades 3–8 ELA Testing		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	NYSESLAT Speaking Exams thru 5/24			AHHS Road to Success (8th grade) 6:30 p.m.	AHHS End of 3rd Marking Period	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Passover — SCHOOLS CLOSED			AHHS MP3 Report Cards Mailed Home	Grades 5 & 8 Science Testing	
28	29	30				

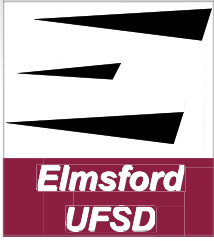
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If additional days are needed due to school closings, days will be deducted from vacation as follows: March 25, 26, 27



# Muffins for Mom

Nothing could stop the celebration of mothers and caregivers during the annual Mother's Day event



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### Community Use of School Facilities

The district's facilities belong to the citizens of the school district who have entrusted those facilities to the Board of Education for the benefit of the students. Priority in the use of the facilities is given to school-sponsored co-curricular and interscholastic activities. When not in use for these student activities, permission may be granted to the community for use of the facilities for appropriate civic, cultural, welfare or recreational activities that do not infringe upon or interfere with, the conduct and best interests of the school system.

Application forms are available to all persons who are interested in applying for permission to use school district facilities. Please call **914-592-4544** for information and applications.

May 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <small>Board of Education Meeting AHHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.</small>	2	3	4
5	6 <small>AP Exams Begin</small>	7	8	9	10 <small>Dixon Muffins for Moms</small>	11
12 <small>NYSESLAT Listening, Reading &amp; Writing Exams thru 5/24</small>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <small>Milt Williams District Concert 7 p.m. Budget Vote &amp; Trustee Election Grady Music Room 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.</small>	21	22	23	24 <small>Dixon Fitness Friday AHHS MP4 Progress Reports Mailed Home <small>AP Exams End</small></small>	25
26	27 <small>Memorial Day SCHOOLS CLOSED</small>	28	29	30	31	

## CELEBRATE Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

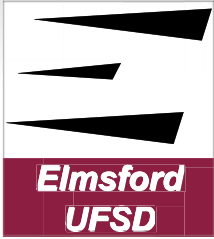
### Snow Days/Make-up Days:

If there are unused “snow days,” the following two days will be used as “vacation days:” May 24 & May 28.



# Graduations

They did it! The Class of 2023 celebrated together... some moved up, some moved on



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### Guidance Services

Guidance counselors are provided on a full-time basis at Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School. Students are assigned to a guidance counselor who provides academic, personal, group, career and college counseling. In addition, the counselors facilitate scheduling, organize College and Financial Aid Night and provide information on community outreach and referral. Our guidance counselors can be reached by calling **914-592-8532** or by visiting [guidance.eufsd.org](http://guidance.eufsd.org)

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																					Board of Education Meeting, AHHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.							AHHS Last Day of Classes							Dixson Donuts for Dads Dixson Field Day													
														AHHS FINAL EXAMS														NYS REGENTS EXAMS																				
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							NYS REGENTS EXAMS														Juneteenth SCHOOLS CLOSED							NYS REGENTS EXAMS																				
23							24							25							26							27							28							29						
							Grady Field Day ½ DAY FOR STUDENTS Grady 11:15 a.m. Dixson 11:35 a.m.							6th Grade Moving Up Celebration 9:30 a.m. AHHS Graduation 5 p.m. ½ DAY FOR STUDENTS Grady 11:15 a.m. Dixson 11:35 a.m.							Dixson/Grady 3rd Trimester Ends AHHS End of 4th Marking Period LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ½ DAY FOR STUDENTS Grady 11:15 a.m. Dixson 11:35 a.m.																					AHHS MP4 Report Cards Mailed Home						
30							NYS REGENTS EXAMS																																									

Moving? New email? New address?

Please notify your building's main office and the Office of Registration at **914-592-3758**.



**Enjoy Summer!**



	July 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2	3	4 <small>INDEPENDENCE DAY - DISTRICT CLOSED</small>	5	6	
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				



	August 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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Business Official	(914) 592-2276
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Dixson School Nurse	(914) 592-1063
Grady Main Office/Principal	(914) 592-8962
Grady School Nurse	(914) 592-2252
Food Service	(914) 345-9204
Hamilton Main Office/Principal	(914) 592-7311
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Instructional Services/Registration	(914) 592-3758
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