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Mad About Science. Observing what will happen in their experiment, 8th graders Max Davidson and Jesse Reichenbach participate in their Mad Science elective. The 8th grade elective offers opportunities to see science in action. *Photo by Molly Gay*



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Going Long. Participating in the long-jump, Amy Olaechea, 6, represents Euclid on the 6th grade track team. Sixth-graders competed against one another's cores in the fall. *Photo by Sidney Mansfield*

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Euclid Middle School

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Enrollment:
749 students; 74 faculty and staff

Principal:
Mrs. Cindy Corlett

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At Euclid Middle School, the message is clear: Nothing can keep students from being who they are and dreaming big. Some people may be tempted to focus on the obstacles, but at Euclid, we have learned through the support of our school and community that we will not be held back. This book proves that we are creative, hard-working, unique, bold, excited, resilient, and excellent. Falcons are leaders and are unstoppable.

*Story by Elise Beck, Molly Guy, Gabby Mancuso, and Emilia Martinez
2020 Elements Editors*

Jumping for Joy. Celebrating their newfound friends on the island of Madagascar, 7th-graders Grace Spencer as Gloria, Eliza Auger Melman, Anna Kates as Marty and Cady Jacobs as Alex star in the school musical. Students practiced hard for months ahead of the fall performances. *Photo by Gabby Mancuso*

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Back in Time. Dressing up to say no to drugs, Nella Mahoney, 8, spends the day as a hippie on Decades Day during Red Ribbon Week. Each day had a different theme. Photo by Ari Kaufman



What is your favorite activity at school?

"My favorite thing to do is toss the football and I have so much fun playing with my friends during recess."
- Kaleb Doherty, 6



"TSA for sure. There are so many fun hands on activities that are engaging and I like taking on a challenge."
- Aahron Goodman, 7



"Playing basketball after school is my favorite because I love playing this sport and being part of a team."
- Logan Hause, 8



Story by Liam England

CAN'T HOLD US BACK IN LIFE

student life



(My favorite activity at school is) reading. I'm reading Harry Potter; it is really great and addictive.

- Evan Honke, 6

Life at Euclid Middle School doesn't just stop at the normal classroom activities like notes, projects, and tests. Outside of class, students enjoy hanging out with friends, playing pickleball for a fundraiser, dunking teachers in the dunk tank, demonstrating leadership through WEB, and eating cupcakes at parties when they earn Falcon Feathers. There are so many things that make life at Euclid fun. These experience make memories that students will have long after they've left middle school.



Business Owner: Hayden Hopkins is only in her second year of middle school but that doesn't stop her from having her own online business. When asked is she's ever had trouble running the business she responded "Yes, because it's kind of hard if people say no to carrying your products or buying products. Dealing with all the money is a shock to be introduced to have to work quickly."



Actor: Seventh-grader Luca Rodriguez is an actor who started lessons when he was 9. "When I started it was a small thing. ... It's hard because I like school, and my agent and my manager keep saying come out to LA, and pilot season is in the school year." He has appeared in movies, including one on Hulu, and in commercials. "Acting is fun, but I like to do it. It gives you money; acting is something I can look forward to in life."



Film student director: Keira Beich is an 8th who directs short films. "Over the summer I do a short film camp. My movie was about feeling invisible, and how you're not alone in that. A challenge was having only a couple days to edit. I was inspired by someone's personal experience. People didn't always allow me to present my whole vision, or whole script. A tip I would give to others for filmmaking would be to put yourself out there, share your ideas, and don't feel like you need to be a professional to have a good idea or show art through film. Short films motivate me and it boosts my confidence when you get to create a vision and share it with others and bring people together," she said.



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Students pursue unique interests

Can't Hold Us Back describes Euclid's student body. Whether they are competing in a sport, achieving in academics or being creative outside of school, Falcons are achieving their goals.

"We chose this theme because it's the best phrase we could use to represent Euclid this year," said Emilia Martinez, one of this year's editors.

Students notice how their peers demonstrate this phrase each day

"I think they do, especially students who struggle at learning. Student shows their perseverance when it is important" said Elsa Beck, an editor and Student Council president.

Every student at Euclid succeeds in different ways throughout their day to day lives. Elements reporters and editors have handpicked a few of the many students from around the school that demonstrate perseverance and excellence.

Story by Emilia Martinez, Gabby Mancuso, Elsa Beck and Charli Glade

Competitive Hockey Player: Cooper Caby, 8, is busy but he makes time for his favorite sport, hockey. "It's improved my life because it is a great way to spend my time and helps me and I'm surrounded by role models." Still, he said there are challenges. "I've had to miss a lot of school days for travel; I'm always having to catch up on missing assignments." Cooper said the hardest part about hockey is "the physicality; I'm one of the smallest kids on my team, which makes it harder to hit people."



Language Whiz: Stella Anthamatten, 6, is a student who speaks not one, not two, but three different languages. "It was kind of hard at first to speak all three languages. At home we try to speak Polish as much as possible, but in school I talked in English most of the time, and I somewhat lost my ability to speak Korean. I moved when I was 3, my mom's parents were Polish and she wanted to speak Polish; my sister does too."



Competitive fencer: William Thompson is a 7th grader with a passion for a very unique sport. "Fencing sounded interesting because sword fighting with other people seemed fun. I really like sports that are quick. When I was younger and inexperienced I felt like quitting because I saw people that were better than me." William started fencing last year. "Fencing made me more interested in other sports and helped me branch out, is also helped me interest other people in sports."

"I sometimes feel held back by that fact that I learn differently than others, but realizing how I learn has helped me be more successful in school."

-Keira Beich, 8

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IN PERSON

people

People use the word unique a lot, but what does it mean? From the way we look to the way we work, we all have a different approach to life. At Euclid we include everyone, no matter who they are. Our teachers encourage us to forge our own path. Whether it's learning about the past, living in the present, or preparing for the future. We all have something unique about ourselves, and that uniqueness makes Euclid a better community.

Story by Josh Lefkowitz



Being unique to me means being special in your own way. My family has fostered kids for four years. Fostering kids is special to me because it makes my family whole.

- Ella Gomez, 7



Sweet Swag. Wearing sunglasses during Spirit Week, Tony Rondinelli, 8, participates in Twin Day. "What I like about the people at Euclid is that they all are friendly and just jump in to activities." Photo by Ayden Lim



What makes you unique?

"I am funny. I like to joke around, and I will always take the chance to tell a joke. I tell jokes because it makes people laugh and makes their day. I usually tell jokes to my friends."

- Elijah Gomez, 6



"When I was young I had eight teeth pulled out. I got teeth pulled from the front and the back. I was nervous because the procedure was on my canines. What happened was the roots of the teeth weren't dissolving properly."

- Logan Bruton, 7



"I read a lot. An estimate as to how many books I have read in my life is probably 200. My favorite is Harry Potter because it transports you to this magical world where you feel like anything is possible."

- Dani Miller, 8



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Bringing It To Life. Creating their own world. Patty Crane, 6, and Tenra Smith, 6, work on their island projects in social studies. Sixth grade social studies focuses on geography. Photo by Emma Hines

What do you like about your core?

"I like that the teachers learned our names pretty quickly so they could call us by our name in the hallway."

Anna Skosich, 8
Discovery Core



"I am on Venture core and I like that people will put random sticky notes with riddles on people's lockers."

Hannah Matson, 7
Venture Core



CAN'T HOLD US BACK IN CLASS

academics



(What I like about my core is) "The teachers are really funny. (My Favorite teacher is) "Mr. Hamilton because he is pretty fun to be around."

Iris Turner, 6



Falcons take pride in their academics. Students get to learn from wonderful teachers. They love to learn, especially with their fun teachers and cores. " (What I like about my core is) the teachers because they are fun and make learning fun," said Trevor Shipley, 6. Students learn in their four core classes - math, science, language arts, and social studies, and in a wide selection of electives where we can do so many fun things like art and PE.

Story by Liam England

"I love that teachers can play around with us and joke around with us."

Javion Moore, 6
Mt. Evans



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IN GROUPS

athletics & activities

After the final bell Euclid is anything but quiet. Students file out of their classrooms and rush to the many after-school activities that are offered. Students can choose to participate in sports and clubs. Kids love these opportunities because they can hang out with friends, improve their skills and expand on their interests. Sports and some clubs, like Brain Bowl and Technology Student Association, offer competition. Others, like Student Council and National Junior Honor Society, help students to make a difference at Euclid and in the world around them.

My favorite part about playing basketball is making the shots, like a 3. I'm inspired by NBA players and I play for my team."

- Renzo Guzman, 8



"Sources of Strength because it's fun and I like to help people with conflicts."
Ellese Perry, 6



Having A Ball. Playing a game, Lincoln Dyer and James Hanisch, both 6th-graders, participate in P.E. club. Held after school, the club gave 6th-graders a chance to be active after school. Photo by Addie Hastings



"I enjoy it (Magic the Gathering) because it's fun to hang out with people who know how to play the game."

Van Staats, 7



"Volleyball because you get to let your anger out on the ball and it's fun to do with friends."

- Audrey Thomson, 8

What's Your Favorite School Activity?



On the Wire. Working with wires and Play-Doh, Illiana Johnson and Natalie Walter, both 7, learn engineering skills in STEM. The Maker Space offers opportunities for science, math, and technology activities. Photo by Zandra Kathol



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Euclid students are unstoppable. They start the day with confidence and patience, an open mind, and an open heart. Teachers care about their students and are reliable, trusting, and kind. Even when times get tough with late-night homework, a hard test, or a rough game, the Euclid community helps everyone bounce back and be better than ever. They make new friends and have so much fun at school. Classwork can be exciting or it can be tedious, but students are always learning from their peers. Falcons dream big and always seize the moment.

Story by Molly Guy and Elise Beck, editors

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