## Elm River Township School Teacher Report: 12/18/19

For a few years now, we have been decorating bags for the Little Brothers Thanksgiving dinners. Unfortunately, one of their new workers forgot to include us. The director was very upset, so she personally made sure to get us bags for their Christmas dinners. I want to thank Mr. Greg, Ms. Krissy, and Ms. Brogan for pitching in to make them extra special. More importantly, I hope decorating dinner bags for Little Brothers will serve as a tradition for Elm River kids to give back to the community.

Once again, we have been welcomed by the Park View to use their swimming pool for gym class. We took them up on it twice this month and the kids really enjoy it. Mr. Greg also swam with them and gave them a hard workout. I want to thank Park View for letting us continue to use their swimming pool as a resource. This is a great example of what sets us apart from other schools who can't take their entire school swimming.

And finally, the Detroit Free Press released the article a couple weeks ago about our unique little school. A couple days after the release, my sister saw the article on Facebook with over 800 likes and 70 shares. I saw nothing but positive comments with many people wishing they could be at a school like ours. The Elm River School made quite an impression!

In closing, our Christmas Program is tomorrow night at 7:00. Once again, we have had many people selling raffle tickets and making donations for the drawings. I want to thank everyone who has helped toward building up our student fund. I also want to thank Mr. Greg who has taken on directing the performance. We are lucky to have someone with his vast experience. Hope to see you there!

Thank you,

Bruce R. Matson