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Eagle Tales

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Message from Mr. Erickson

Dear Families,

Spring is here and the warm weather that goes with it! We are entering an important and exciting time in the school year. As we start April, here are a few key reminders and updates to keep in mind:

State Testing Begins April 1st

Students in grades 3-8 will be taking Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment. This is our students time to shine! These assessments help measure student progress and guide future instruction and planning. Please help your child perform their best by ensuring they

- Get plenty of rest the night before each test.
- Eat a nutritious breakfast to stay focused.
- Arrive on time to start the day stress-free.

Your support makes a big difference in helping students feel prepared and confident! I am excited to see how well the students perform on the assessments. They have worked hard all year and I know they will do well! Thank you to parents and teachers for helping get the students ready to take the tests.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week (May 5-9)

We are fortunate to have such dedicated teachers and staff who work tirelessly to support our students. Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week is coming up in early May, and it's a wonderful opportunity to recognize their hard work. A simple thank-you note or small gesture can go a long way in showing our gratitude!

Attendance and School Safety

Consistent attendance is key to academic success, and we appreciate your help in ensuring students are here every day when they are healthy. Additionally, we continue to prioritize school safety and ask that families remind students to follow school rules and expectations. Working together, we can keep our school a safe and productive place for everyone.

Thank you for your partnership in making this a great school year. As always, my door is open if you have any questions or concerns.



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Middle School Math & STEM Elective

By Ms. Kyndra Ortiz

The middle school math classes at Elgin School are buzzing with excitement as students tackle new challenges and build essential problem-solving skills. In 6th grade, students are diving into fractions, decimals, and percentages, learning how to apply them in real-world situations like budgeting and shopping. They're also starting to explore basic algebraic thinking, setting a strong foundation for future math success.

In 7th grade, students are working on proportional relationships and linear equations. They're learning how to graph equations and interpret data—skills that will help them understand everything from speed and distance to financial literacy. Additionally, they are beginning to explore geometric concepts like angles and area, connecting math to real-world structures and design.

8th graders are preparing for high school math by tackling more complex algebraic equations and functions. They're learning about systems of equations, exponents, and the Pythagorean theorem, applying these concepts to solve real-world problems. With a focus on critical thinking and reasoning, students are gaining confidence in their ability to analyze and solve challenging mathematical scenarios.

Our Sports STEM elective being offered this Quarter combines athletics and science in an exciting way! Students are exploring the physics behind sports, such as how angles and force impact a basketball shot or the role of aerodynamics in running and cycling. They are also using data analysis to track personal fitness progress and improve performance, making math and science come to life through hands-on learning.

A highlight for our 8th graders is the annual trip to Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI). This year's trip will be May 12th-16th. This adventure allows students to explore marine biology, oceanography, and environmental science through snorkeling, kayaking, and hands-on labs. They'll study local ecosystems, interact with sea life, and gain a deeper appreciation for conservation. It's an unforgettable experience that blends science, teamwork, and outdoor exploration!

As the final fundraiser for this year's trip, middle school students are selling a dozen Krispy Kreme glazed doughnuts for (\$18) or redeemable gift certificates for (\$15). The gift certificates are good for one dozen glazed doughnuts at participating Krispy Kreme's. A percentage of the cost goes directly back to the Marine Biology Club. Doughnuts and gift certificates will be available for pick-up Wednesday, April 16th from 3:00-5:00 PM in the Elgin School conference room. To place an order email kortiz@elgink12.com or call the Office at (520) 455-5514.



In the Spotlight

Middle School Fine Arts

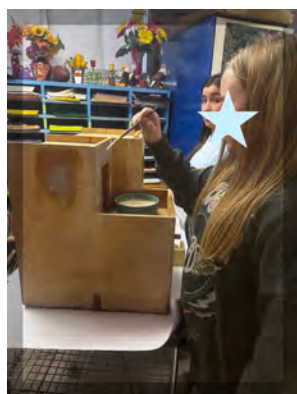
By Mrs. Anna Coleman

Mrs. Coleman's mother recently donated a bare wood Santa Fe style miniature house to the art program. Since this quarter's topic is Careers in Art, finishing the house was the logical choice. After a discussion about various careers that involve different aspects of art, the students set to work.

Stucco paint has been created out of paint and sand, and the students are covering the old wood, giving the house a face-lift. Popsicle sticks are being transformed into beds, showers, doors, and tables, while some students are choosing to create room accessories and plants.

Each day the students enter the art classroom with enthusiasm and get to work right away. Conversations and ideas are flowing and the students are rising to the challenge.

The final project will be on display at this year's Art Show during the Burger Burn on May 2nd and at the Santa Cruz County Fair next September.



Health Office Updates

By Kathe Prentice, Elgin School Nurse

Notes from the Nurse

Returning for the 2025-2026 School Year

Summertime is a great time to get immunization updates and sports physicals done. Call now for an appointment at your doctor's office, or clinic. Availability fills up fast.

Immunizations: Some can be done at the same place sports physicals are provided, but not all. Call ahead and ask if both can be provided together this summer.



6th Grade Students, as well as those who will be turning 11 or 12 before July 23rd, 2025 will need:

- (1) Tdap booster or similar depending on your pediatrician's recommendation
- (1) Meningococcal (MCV) dose

ALL K-8 Grade Students need:

- (1) Dose of Varicella (or Doctor's note confirming having contracted a case of the chicken pox). If your child's first dose was given at 13 years of age or older, they will need a 2nd one.

<https://www.azdhs.gov/documents/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/immunization/school-childcare/school-immunization-requirements.pdf>

Immunization Exemptions: Please contact the nurse, Kathe Prentice, RN at (520) 455-5514 or email kprentice@elgink12.com



Sports Physicals:

These can be obtained from your pediatrician, or other place of choice using the form below. Getting them turned in at the beginning of August will cover your child for the entire school year. Those who are not up to date on immunizations can attend practice, but will not be able to play in games until caught up.

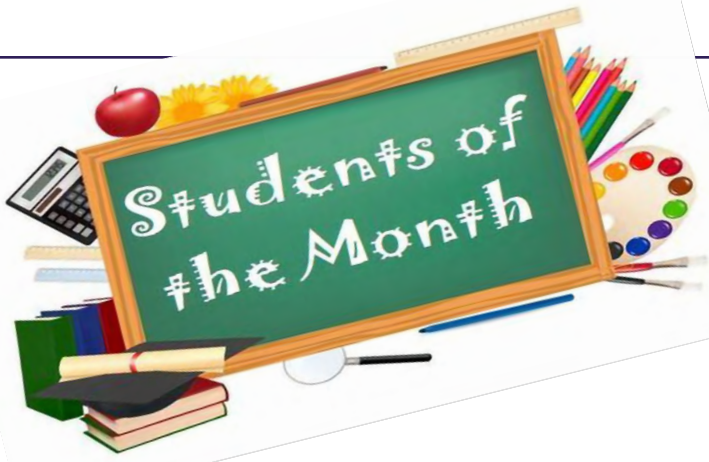
Physical forms can be found on our website at <https://www.elgink12.com/Athletics>.

Home School Sports Participants: All of the above pertains, including proof of immunizations.

Dental Hygiene Team

Tooth B.U.D.D.S. came to Elgin School in December. They are a dental hygiene educational team who traveled from Safford AZ to provide individualized classroom education to all of the grades. Their program is paid through grant funding for rural communities. We were very lucky to get them, as they generally only cover the Graham and Greenlee counties. They provided a free water bottle, toothbrush, and toothpaste to all the classrooms, along with discussions on how to properly care for teeth and gums. Hopefully, we can get them to come next year to provide dental screening, dental cleaning, fluoride, treatment, and sealants **free of charge**. They did a fantastic job!





Giselle Munoz
Kindergarten



Sophie Vendtiuoli
6th Grade

Eagle Eye - Student of the Week

Recognizing elementary students who practice good character and citizenship



Elgin School
PTC

Meeting Dates:

Meetings are held in the
Conference Room

March 5th - 7:30 AM

April 2nd - 7:30 AM

May 7th - 7:30 AM

Elgin School PTC Spirit Wear



Hat - \$20.00
Beanie - \$15.00
Ear Warmer - \$15.00

Payment via:
Venmo
Cash
Check payable to Elgin School PTC



Elgin School PTC

Breakfast Burritos!

JOIN US FOR FRESH BREAKFAST BURRITOS!

Saturday, April 5th
8:00 AM - Noon

Sonoita Fairgrounds Baseball Field
Little League Opening Ceremonies

MISSOULA
**CHILDREN'S
THEATRE**

A PRODUCTION OF MCT, INC.

Save the Date!



Elgin School's Missoula Children's Theatre Residency


December 8th-13th

The performance will be held on Saturday, December 13th at 6:00 PM



Kindergarten Registration 2025-26

Wednesday, April 23rd
8:00-9:15 AM



8:00-8:15 AM	Flag Ceremony - Gym
8:15-8:30 AM	Story Time - Library
8:30 AM	New Students will join Kindergarten for an activity Q & A for parents and registration information - Room 15
8:45 AM	Campus Tour for parents and students
9:00 AM	Bus Ride and transportation information for parents and students



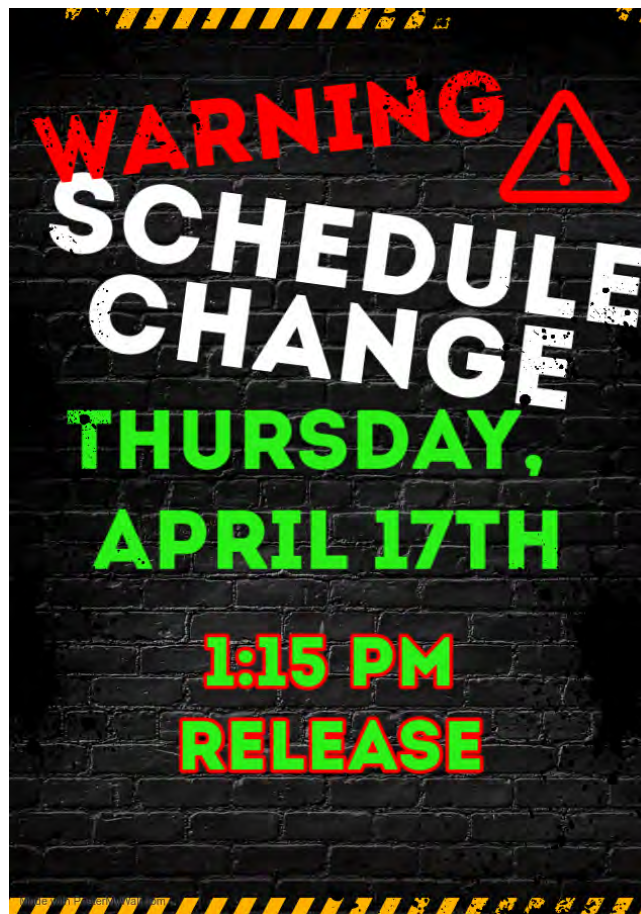
Items Needed for Registration:

- Birth Certificate
 - Current Immunization Record
 - Proof of Residency in the Sonoita School District
 - Guardianship/Custody Paperwork
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Student must turn 5 by
Sept. 1, 2025

www.elgink12.com

Any questions call
520-455-5514,
ext. 300





NO TOYS AT SCHOOL PLEASE

Please support your children by reminding them that toys are not allowed at school. This will help to eliminate distractions during learning times.

Thank You For Your Help and Support.




2025

Elgin School GRADUATION Dates

8th Grade
Wednesday, May 21st
6:00 PM

Kindergarten
Thursday, May 22nd
1:15 PM




Elgin School Library

2024-25 End of Year Procedures

- All books are due back to the Library on or before Friday, May 9th
- The Library will be closed May 12th-23rd for inventory

Contact Mrs. Whittington with any questions at
jwhittington@elgink12.com
 or (520) 455-5514, ext. 108




Childfind Screenings

If you have concerns about your child's development from ages 3 to 21 years of age in these areas:


**VISION/HEARING * SPEECH/LANGUAGE * THINKING SKILLS
 PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT * BEHAVIOR *
 NORMAL DEVELOPMENT**

Your school's CHILDFIND can help – with a free screening, and if needed, referral for diagnostic evaluation and/or early intervention programs (birth to three). If you have any concerns about your child's development, certain benefits are available through your local school district.

Screenings are available **by appointment**. To schedule your appointment or for more information please contact:
 Christine Clouse– Student Services
 455-5514 cclouse@elgink12.com



2025 Testing Dates




Elementary Calendar Grades 3, 4, & 5

April 1st - Science (5th Grade only)
April 3rd - Writing
April 4th - Oral Proficiency (3rd Grade)



April 8th - Reading & Math, parts 1
April 10th - Reading & Math, parts 2

Middle School Calendar



Grades 6, 7, & 8

April 1st-3rd - Science (8th only)
April 8th - Writing

April 9th & 10th - Reading
April 15th & 16th - Math



Elgin School Burger Burn

**Friday, May 2nd
4:30-6:00 PM**

Please join us for our annual Burger Burn!

This is our day to say "Thank You" to the students, parents, and community members of Elgin & Sonoita for all of your support this year!

Complimentary Hot Dogs & Hamburgers will be served! We will have game booths and a bouncy house as well!



Farewell

Please join us as we say thank you and farewell to our departing teacher Ali Schnurr.

Cafeteria Connection

Connecting you to your child's school lunchroom



Vegetable Subgroups:

WHAT ARE THEY AND WHY DO THEY MATTER

As you know, vegetables are **power-packed sources of essential nutrients vital for good health**. What you might not know are the vegetable requirements we must adhere to when creating school lunches.

MEET THE FANTASTIC FIVE

Our school lunch menu is planned to include vegetables from each of five distinct subgroups each week:

- 1. Dark Green Vegetables:** Think spinach, kale, and broccoli. These deep greens are rich in iron, calcium, and vitamins A and C, promoting strong bones and a robust immune system.
- 2. Red/Orange Vegetables:** Carrots, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, and bell peppers fall into this category. Packed with beta-carotene, these veggies support healthy vision and skin.
- 3. Beans and Peas:** The legume family, including chickpeas and lentils, adds a protein punch to meals. These fiber-rich wonders contribute to sustained energy levels and digestive health.
- 4. Starchy Vegetables:** Potatoes, corn, and peas are familiar favorites from this subgroup. While they are higher in carbohydrates, they offer valuable nutrients like potassium and fiber.
- 5. Other Vegetables:** This catch-all category includes a diverse group of vegetables: cauliflower, zucchini, mushrooms, and other unique veggies that bring a variety of flavors and nutrients to the table.

MEETING USDA STANDARDS

Our school lunch program aligns with USDA requirements, ensuring that each subgroup is represented in our weekly menus. This not only meets nutritional standards but also introduces our students to a variety of flavors and textures through each subgroup offered, all to reach the goal of good nutrition.

YOUR ROLE IN ENCOURAGING VEGGIE EXPLORATION

Parents, encourage your kids to explore the vibrant world of vegetables, both at school and at home. Try including a variety of vegetables at snacks and meals served at home. By fostering a positive attitude toward diverse veggies, we collectively contribute to the health and development of our students.



Elgin School Calendar 2025-26

Normal School Hours:
7:55 AM-3:00 PM

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- July 21st-24th Faculty & Staff Return
- July 28th First Day - Students
- Sept. 1st Labor Day - No School
- Oct. 6th Fall Break - No School
- Nov. 10th Special Event Release (11:30 AM)**
- Nov. 11th Veterans Day - No School
- Nov. 24th-28th Thanksgiving Break - No School
- Dec. 22nd-Jan.2nd Winter Break - No School
- Jan. 5th Students Return
- Jan. 19th Civil Rights Day - No School
- March 9th- 13th Spring Break - No School
- May 21st Last day for Students - Early Dismissal at 11:30 AM**

*This calendar is subject to change.
152 Instructional Days*

- Report Card Periods
- 1st Quarter - 7/28-10/2
 - 2nd Quarter - 10/7-12/18
 - 3rd Quarter - 1/3-3/5
 - 4th Quarter - 3/16-5/21

- Teacher & Staff In-Service
- First & Last Days
- Vacation - No School
- Special Event Release