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Eagle Tales

Message from Mr. Erickson

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Dear Families,

As we begin February, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. This is a great time to refocus and set strong goals for the remainder of the school year. Here are a few updates and reminders to keep in mind this month:

Encouraging Reading and Learning at Home

Reading is one of the best ways to support your child's success in school. Whether it's exploring a favorite book series or reading together as a family, encouraging a love for books builds critical skills and lifelong curiosity. We are excited about our *One School, One Book* program, organized by Dr. Clouse, which will bring our entire school community together around a shared story. Thank you, Dr. Clouse, for your hard work in creating this wonderful opportunity for our students!

Attendance Matters

Consistent attendance is key to student success. Each day in the classroom provides opportunities for growth and learning that can't be easily replicated. We know that illnesses and emergencies happen, but please ensure your child is present whenever possible. Thank you for your efforts in making attendance a priority!

Healthy Habits for Winter Months

With cooler weather and seasonal illnesses, it's important to remind students about healthy habits like handwashing, staying active, and eating nutritious meals. If your child isn't feeling well, please let the school know and follow up with teachers to keep them caught up on missed work. Let's work together to keep our school community healthy and thriving!

Celebrating Teachers and Staff

Our teachers and staff continue to do an incredible job guiding and inspiring our students. If you'd like to show your appreciation, a quick thank-you note or kind word can mean the world to them. Their dedication makes a significant impact on every student, and we're grateful for all they do.

As always, my door is open. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for your support, and let's continue working together to make this school year a success!

David R. Erickson



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One School One Book

By Dr. Chris Clouse

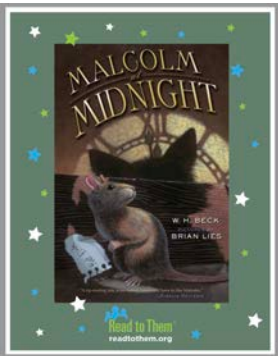
And Our Title Was... Malcolm at Midnight by W.H. Beck

On January 6, Elgin School started the 4th annual One School One Book reading event. Students had clues - a clock, an iguana, and a sapphire ring - to try to figure out the title before it was revealed. Every student and staff member received a copy of Malcolm at Midnight as part of a shared reading experience at school and home.

Students participated in special activities including art projects, a play, and a scavenger hunt for Aggy, the leader of the Midnight Academy who mysteriously disappeared one night. Classes were organized in three teams named Team Malcolm, Team Aggy, and Team Honey Bunny to compete in a trivia contest and win a "Nosh and Fodder" party. Eighth grade students had the opportunity to read to younger students, or "Nutters," as Malcolm would say.

In the library, students read to Malcolm as he sat in his cage with his tail-safe wheel and antibacterial water bottle. They explored related books like the Tale of Despereaux and Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh. Students had the chance to enter a quote contest which required them to locate the page and speaker for memorable lines. We learned that Malcolm was not just a rat, but, "A rat of some valor and merit, in fact." One School One Book culminates with a Malcolm at Midnight STEAM Night on Thursday, February 6. Join us for activities inspired by the book, student artwork, and exhibits.

One School One Book is part of our Title I program and activities for family engagement. To learn more about One School One Book, visit readtothem.org



Elgin School STEAM Night!

We are excited to invite you to our Community STEAM Night on Thursday, February 6th, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM at Elgin School.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for students, families, and community members to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) through hands-on activities, engaging demonstrations, and fun interactions with professionals from various fields.

Our event will include guest professionals from the STEAM fields, including Southwest Gas Corp., University of Arizona School of Mining and Mineral Research, Truly Nolen, Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Reserve, AZ Game and Fish, Patagonia Regional Times, and more!

We are thrilled to connect this event with our One School One Book title, *Malcolm at Midnight* by W.H. Beck, with themed activities and snacks! We hope to see you there!

Elgin School's
One School One Book
STEAM NIGHT
FEB. 6TH 5:00-6:30 PM

Join us for a fun evening of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics as we celebrate the end of our One School One Book, *Malcolm at Midnight* by W. H. Beck.

We will have book themed STEAM centers, an Art Show and Science Fair displaying student work, and activities and presentations from local STEAM businesses including, Southwest Gas Corp., University of Arizona School of Mining and Mineral Research, Truly Nolen, Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Reserve, AZ Game and Fish, Patagonia Regional Times, and more! Book themed snacks will also be provided.

Open to the Community!



Harley Navarrete
7th Grade



Ana Giselle Quiroz-Gastelum
4th Grade

Eagle Eye - Student of the Week

Recognizing elementary students who practice good character and citizenship



Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

Congratulations to our talented 6th grader, **Grant Gehlert**, for earning **third place** in the prestigious *Patriot's Pen* essay-writing competition, hosted by the VFW Post in celebration of **Veterans Day 2024!** Each year, Grades 6-8 students participate in the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. The competition challenges young minds to explore **America's history** and reflect on their own experiences in modern American society. Participants write a **300- to 400-word essay** expressing their views on a **patriotic theme** selected by the VFW Commander-in-Chief.

Last year's theme, "**My Voice in America's Democracy**," inspired heartfelt and thought-provoking entries, and Grant's outstanding essay stood out among the five submissions from our school. Grant received his award on **January 26, 2025**, at the VFW Post in Nogales, where he was honored with a **medal and a cash prize** for his remarkable achievement. We are so proud of you, Grant—your words truly make a difference! Keep shining!



Elgin School

Donate your Arizona Tax Credit today!

The monies received from the Extra-Curricular Tax Credit go directly to help fund student programs. Thanks to your donation the students of Elgin School will be able to enjoy many programs that may not have been available otherwise. Contributions can be designated to the following funds: Athletics, Marine Biology Club (8th Grade CIMI Trip), Drama (Missoula Children's Theatre Residency), or Field Trips. Undesignated donations will be split between the above groups.



Ready to donate today? Just send in this form with your donation to:

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Elgin, AZ 85611**

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Phone: _____

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Nurse's Corner



February is Heart Healthy Month

Healthy Heart



Healthy You



Elgin School is actively participating in heart health this month. “National Wear Red Day” is February 7th in showing support in awareness in heart disease. If you have a shirt that is red, we look forward to seeing you wear it. “Kids Heart Challenge” on February 10th is a fun competition organized by Coach Harper based on the American Heart Association’s program.

American Heart Association.

10 Ways To Improve Your Heart Health

- 1 Balance calories with physical activity.
- 2 Reach for a variety of fruits and vegetables.
- 3 Choose whole grains.
- 4 Include healthy protein sources, mostly plants and seafood.
- 5 Use non-tropical liquid plant oils.
- 6 Choose minimally processed foods.
- 7 Subtract added sugars.
- 8 Cut down on salt.
- 9 Limit alcohol.
- 10 Do all this wherever you eat!

Need more food for thought? Go to www.heart.org/eatsmart

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Elgin School
PTC

Meeting Dates:
Meetings are held in the
Conference Room

**February 5th
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
Flower-Grams
\$1.00 each

On sale before school at the
PTC Booth in the Gym on
February 10th - 14th



Delivery on February 14th
before dismissal!



NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

HELP RAISE AWARENESS FOR HEART DISEASE

FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 7TH



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

Student must turn 5 by
Sept. 1, 2025

www.elgink12.com

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

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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



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



Testing Dates

Elementary Calendar Grades 3, 4, & 5

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



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 Calendar 2025-26

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

July						4
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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27	28	29	30	31		

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

August							16
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*This calendar is subject to change.
152 Instructional Days*

October							17
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November							11
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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

December							12
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- Teacher & Staff In-Service
- First & Last Days
- Vacation - No School
- Special Event Release

February							16
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April							18
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May							12
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Cafeteria Connection

Connecting you to your child's school lunchroom



FOR SCHOOL LESS BREAKFAST STRESS IS BEST

If your home is like most, mornings can be a flurry of activity. Getting your kids dressed, fed, and off to school before the bell rings can be a challenge. **We'd love to help your mornings be a little less stressful — allow us to take care of breakfast!**

Each school day, nutritious, balanced breakfasts are available for all students. Our breakfast choices meet nutritional standards to ensure students have the energy to concentrate on learning. We offer a variety of choices like bagels and cream cheese, waffles, pancakes, breakfast sandwiches, yogurt, granola, and breakfast bars. All breakfasts include fruit or fruit juice and whole grains to ensure good nutrition. We mix up the menu and choose plenty of student favorites to keep the options fresh and prevent menu fatigue.

When your child participates in school breakfast, it **saves on your grocery costs**. Because the government subsidizes a portion of school meals and we can purchase bulk quantities of foods, we can serve the same breakfast foods you eat at home for less. Factor in **no preparation time or dishes to clean-up**, having your child participate in school breakfast is a no-brainer.

And even if you choose not to have breakfast at school, don't skip breakfast! It's the most important meal of the day. Students who eat breakfast, whether at school or at home, achieve more and have fewer behavioral and health issues.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST MAKES A DIFFERENCE

INCREASED:

- Test scores
- Concentration
- Comprehension
- Attention
- Memory
- Health

DECREASED:

- Tardiness
- Behavioral issues
- Absences
- Illnesses



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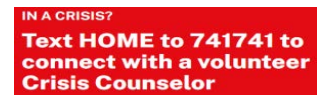
COMMUNITY OUTREACH GUIDE

AGENCY	PHONE NUMBER	ADDRESS	SERVICES PROVIDED
Alliance Counseling Center	(520)281-0009	1790 N. Mastick Way #D	Behavioral, addiction, domestic violence, anger mgmt.,marital couns.
Amado Community Alliance	(520)255-4067	15 S. Country Line Rd.	Prevention, Parent Education Workshop, Health Literacy
Arizona Complete Health CRISIS LINE	1(844)-534-4673	1(866)495-6735	24 Hour Crisis Line/Nursewise Crisis Line
Borderland Food Bank	(520) 287-2627	270 W. Produce Row	Food Bank
Boys and Girls Club	(520) 287-3733	590 Tyler Ave.	Tutoring, Homework assistance, afterschool activities
Casitas De Santa Cruz	(520)287-9133	1769 W. Target Range Rd	Low Income housing for elderly residents
CHARM (Child Health & Resilience Mastery)	(520) 484-6600	www.charmaz.org	Parent education/training, Camps, Grief assistance, SEL training
Chicanos Por La Causa	(520)281-9570	575 N. Grand Ave.	Housing, Mortgage, Debt management classes
Child & Family Resource Center	(520)281-9303	1827 N. Mastick Way	Maternal and child health- families and students 0 to 5
Community Medical Services	(520) 924-6535 X526	274 Viewpoint Dr.	Medication assisted treatment (MAT) services for addiction
Circles Of Peace (continued)	(520)281-0579 "	155 N. Morley Ave. "	Family counseling, substance abuse, DV treatment, DUI treatment, prevention, support groups, harm reduction, youth leadership
Consulate General of Mexico	(520)287-2521	135 West Cardwell St.	Protection for Mexican Citizens
DES (Food Stamp and Assistance)	(520)281-2634	1843 N. State Dr.	Food and childcare assistance
Family Involvement Center	(520)470-8721	ericka@familyinvolvementcenter.org	Case management, family support, adult care coordination
First Things First	(520) 761-3012	1740 N. Mastick Way	Early Childhood support- ages 0 to 5; parent training
Hands of a Friend	(520)648-3589	231 W. Duval Rd.	Shelter- Green Valley
Hope Inc.	(520)287-9612	1891 N. Mastick Way	Mental Health & Addiction recover
Horizon Human Services	(520)287-9678	545 N. Grand Ave #2	Interegated Health care program
Intermountain Health Center	(520)281-0678	276 W. Viewpoint Dr.	Behavioral health, autism, child and family counseling
Lions Club	(520)287-9344	639 N. Grand Ave	Eyeglasses
Mariposa Community Health Center	(520)281-1550	1852 N. Mastick Way	Health Center, primary care, physical, social and behavioral hith.
Mariposa Behavioral Health Services	(520) 375-5000	1835 N. Mastick Way	Therapy, psychiatry, case management ages 6 and up
Mi Kid	(520)377-2122	1777 N. Frank Reed Rd.	Behavioral Health/children, youth, families
Nogales- Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce	(520) 287-3685	123 W. Kino Park Pl.	small business, entrepreneurship, visitor and informational center
Nogales Community Development Corporation	(520)397-9219	124 B N. Terrace Ave.	Entrepreneurship, small business, & economic dev. services
Nogales Community Food Bank	(520)281-2790	2636 N. Donna Ave	Food bank
Nogales Crossroads Mission	(520)287-5828	338 N. Morley Ave	Shelter services
Nogales Family Safety Center	(520)724-6600	info@soazadvocacy.org	One stop crisis center, advocacy, child victim services
Nogales Housing Authority	(520)287-4183	951 N. Kitchen Street	Safe and sanitary housing conditions
Odyssey Services Corporation	(520) 223-0171	1071 N. Grand Ave. Ste: 104-105	Support for children and adults with special needs
One Stop Center- Arizona @ Work	(520)375-7670	610 N. Morely	Employment services
Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center	(520) 343-2356	115 S. 3rd Avenue	Youth center, tutoring, homework assistance, life skills, safety
Pinal Hispanic Council	(520)287-0015	275 N. Grand Court Plaza	Behavioral Health
Rebuilding Together	(520) 313-3681	3061 N. Sunrise Pl.	Home improvement support
Santa Cruz Parent Love Connection	(520) 285-6112	1230 Calle Rafael	Support for parents of children with special needs
Santa Cruz Training Programs	(520) 287-2043	91 E. La Castellana Dr.	Support for individuals with developmental disabilities
Santa Cruz Victim Services Division	(520)375-7780	2150 N. Congress Dr.	Victim Services
SEACAP	(520)287-5066	490 W. Chenoweth	Housing & utilities
SEAHEC	(520)287-4722	1171 W. Target Range Rd.	Health Education Center
Self-Help Program	(520) 375-8210	2160 N. Congress Dr. Ste. 2208	Legal aid for self-representation
Southern Arizona Autism Association	(520)223-0260	67 E. Baffert Dr.	Parent education & Training
Southern Arizona Legal Aid (SALA)	1(800)248-6789	2343 E. Broadway (Tucson)	Legal services
University of Arizona Center for Rural Health	(520) 268-0126	by appointment	Medical Insurance Assistance
University of Arizona Cooperative Extension (continued)	(520) 281-2994 "	489 N. Arroyo Blvd. "	Nutrition, physical activity, Family Resource Centers (0 to 5) Child care support, Parenting, Financial Literacy, 4H, Robotics

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Teen Lifeline (602) 248-TEEN
or 1-800-248-8336

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