

NOVEMBER 2024

Eagle Tales

As Thanksgiving approaches, please know that, as a school, we are thankful for the support of our Elgin School Families and for the support of our community!

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Message from Mr. Erickson

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Fall Break! It is wonderful to see your children back at school! Special thanks to the Students of the Month. I had the honor of having lunch with some awesome Elgin Eagles!!

I also want to thank everyone who came out to the Awards Assembly, Fall Festival, and Honors Breakfast. What a great way to start off the second quarter! Thank you to everyone for their help in making these events so special and to our amazing children for their hard work in class each day!

I wanted to take a moment to inform you about our school's recent letter grade evaluation based on the Arizona Academic Standards Assessment (AASA). In April 2024, our students took the AASA in grades 3-8. Based on the results, our letter grade dropped from an A to a B. This change was largely due to a decrease in our growth score, which dropped from 49.32/50 (in April 2023) to 37.83/50 (in April 2024).

Please know that our teachers and staff are working diligently with your children to ensure we see continued academic proficiency and growth this year. We are focusing on the areas where we can improve, and we are committed to helping every student achieve their full potential.

We will take the AASA again in April 2025, and we look forward to demonstrating how much our students have grown.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Sincerely,

David Erickson



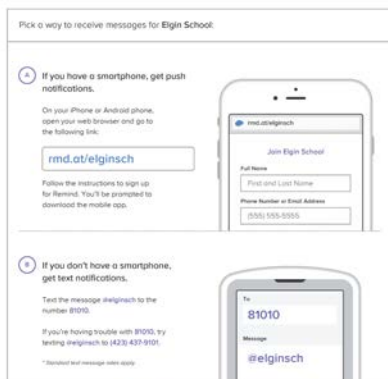
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In the Spotlight

4th Grade - By Mrs. Alicyn Schnurr

As we reflect on the last three months of school, we are excited to share the incredible experiences our 4th graders have had in Mrs. Schnurr's class! It has truly been a season of growth, teamwork, and hands-on learning.

Team Building Adventures

We kicked off the semester with a variety of team-building activities, including the popular Pasta Tower Challenge! This engaging activity not only encouraged creativity but also helped students discover each other's strengths and weaknesses. It's been wonderful to see them learn that teamwork really does make the dream work!



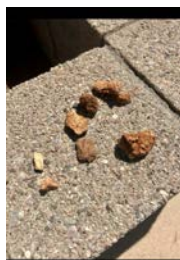
Hands-On Science Experiments

Our science curriculum has been buzzing with excitement! The students had a blast with experiments like making slime and creating Skittles rainbows. These hands-on activities sparked curiosity and provided practical applications of the scientific concepts we've been studying.



Exploring Social Studies

We also took our social studies learning beyond the classroom! As part of our archaeology unit, the students transformed into junior archaeologists, digging for hidden treasures outside. This interactive experience allowed them to connect with history in a tangible way, and they loved every minute of it!

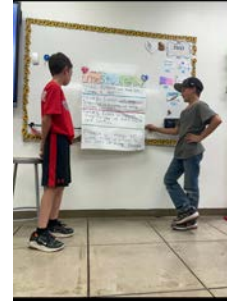


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4th Grade, continued

Building Confidence and Public Speaking Skills

In collaboration with our fantastic 5th graders, we've been focusing on building self-confidence and enhancing public speaking skills. Our students prepared and delivered presentations on American heroes and their impacts on society, which was a wonderful opportunity for them to express their ideas and research findings. We also enjoyed practicing our public speaking skills through Show & Tell, where students showcased their interests and talents.



As we look ahead, we are filled with excitement for what the rest of the year holds. It has already been an amazing journey, and we are confident that it will only continue to get better!

Thank you for your support and encouragement. Together, we are making this school year unforgettable!

MISSOULA
CHILDREN'S
THEATRE

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Save the Date!



Adapted by Michael Meador
and Joseph Marston
Music & Lyrics by Michael Meador

Elgin School's Missoula Children's Theatre Residency

December 9th-14th

The performance will be held on Saturday, December 14th at 6:00 PM

THEATER! DRAMA! MUSIC! COSTUMES! FUN!!!!

The renowned Missoula Children's Theatre is coming to Elgin School December 9th—14th! This week-long residency is made possible for Elgin students through tax credit and parent donations. A little red truck will pull into our town with everything it takes to mount a full-scale musical production of "Hercules." The truck will have a team of directors, lights, costumes, props, and make-up, everything except the cast. That's where Elgin students come in. The school has declared that week "No Homework Week" for participants, so any student who would like to try out for this performance must be able to attend the week-long rehearsals if given a part. Up to 50 students are needed for this production!

Please note that if a student is given a part in the play, he/she needs to be available Monday through Friday from 2:00 PM until 6:30 PM, and on Saturday, performance day, for morning dress rehearsals and the 6:00 PM evening performance. Students who commit to this endeavor will be expected to follow through on that commitment. More details will be sent home with the students.

Mark your calendars for this incredible opportunity for our Elgin community.



Clancy Zerbel
1st Grade



Isabella Ramirez Schroeder
7th Grade



Eagle Eye - Student of the Week

Recognizing elementary students who practice good character and citizenship



Elgin School Celebration


Friday, November 8th

9:00 AM



VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

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WARNING

**SCHEDULE
CHANGE**
**FRIDAY,
NOV. 8TH**
11:30 AM
RELEASE

Nurse's Corner



Immunizations & Physicals- Thank you to everyone who has been staying up-to-date with your child's immunizations or exemptions, as well as sport physicals. If you have questions or need a list of resources, please contact the nurse for a list of providers. Also, if your child has specific health management needs during the school day, please reach out and we can get a plan of care formed.

Vision and Hearing Screening- All students were screened this year. Parents are being contacted for those who are needing follow-up by a physician. If you do not get contacted, your child passed both vision and hearing screening. If you want to know your child's specific results, these can be provided to you.

Basically, any vision being near or far that screens above/worse than 20/32 requires a referral to an eye doctor. Not being able to see well can greatly impact your child's learning and daily activities. It can also affect sports performance. Hearing screening incorporates 4 different tones at a specific level. All four tones must be heard to pass the screening. Not passing can affect learning in the classroom, as well as speech patterns.

20/20 is normal-meaning your child can see a letter or shape at 20 feet away.

20/32 is the threshold of normal. Meaning, for an average person standing 32 feet away sees the same as your child standing 20 feet away.

20/40 means an average person standing 40 feet away sees the same as your child standing 20 feet away.

Remember, the school performs a screening, and is not a substitute for a vision or hearing doctor evaluation. It is intended to identify students who have a deficit or challenge only. Follow-up should be done for vision by an optometrist or ophthalmologist. Both can evaluate for vision challenges. Hearing should be followed-up by your pediatrician, an audiologist, or an ENT (ear/nose/throat) doctor.

- Optometrist -a doctor who provide primary eye care, exams, and treats common eye conditions
- Ophthalmologist -doctor who is an eye care specialist who has specialized training and experience in diagnosing and treating eye and vision conditions. They usually have four more years of schooling, and can perform surgery and other complicated procedures.

American Optometric Association:

<https://www.aoa.org/healthy-eyes/vision-and-vision-correction/visual-acuity?sso=y>

American Academy of Ophthalmology :

<https://www.aao.org/eye-health/tips-prevention/eye-exams-101>

American Academy of Audiology:

<https://www.audiology.org/news-and-publications/audiology-today/articles/audiology-interprofessional-collaboration-and-school-health-services/>

Let us know how else we can help your child!

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



**Elgin Elementary
School**

PREKINDER Story Time

- *Join us to meet new friends, get to know our campus, and learn Kindergarten readiness skills!*
- *Story Time is open to students eligible to enroll in Kindergarten in Fall 2025. (Must be turning 5 by 9/1/2025)*



**Wednesdays at Elgin School
8:00 AM - Flag Ceremony, Gym
8:10-8:45 AM - Story Time & Activities, Library**



Elgin School PTC

Fall Meeting Dates:
 Meetings are held in the
 Conference Room
 7:30 AM

Nov. 13th
Dec. 11th

SAVE THE DATE!
Community Ugly Sweater PARTY

December 20th
5:00-8:00 PM
 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
 Special Guest - The Grinch!

All are welcome!
 Proceeds to benefit Elgin School Student Programs

ELGIN SCHOOL PTC

BAKE SALE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd
9:00 AM - Noon
 National Bank - Sonoita

Proceeds will be used to support the students of Elgin School.

The Elgin School PTC will be holding a Bake Sale on Friday, November 22nd in front of National Bank-Sonoita from 9:00 AM - Noon. We are in need of baked good donations for this event. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090544AAAB28A6FD0-52611606-ptcbake> by Wednesday, November 20th.

Items can be delivered to PTC members in front of the school on Friday, November 22nd from 7:30-8:00 AM.

Proceeds from this bake sale will be used to support students and programs of Elgin School. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please contact the PTC at lindsaydavis615@yahoo.com with any questions.

IS THIS FOOD EXPIRED?

UNDERSTANDING DATE LABELS

The dates that food companies put on packages are not regulated and do not mean that the food is unsafe to eat, except in the case of baby formula. Most foods are still tasty and nutritious after the date has passed. **Not sure if food is spoiled? Check for off odor, flavor or texture.**

"BEST BY" OR "BEST IF USED BY" DATE

This date tells you when the food will have the **best flavor**.
It is **still safe to eat** past this date.

"USE BY" OR "EXPIRATION" DATE

This is the last date that the product will be at its **peak quality**.
It is **still safe to eat** past this date (**except for baby formula**).

"PACKING/MANUFACTURING" DATE

This is the date used by manufacturers for tracking.
It is not an expiration date - it is not related to food quality or safety.

"SELL BY" DATE

This tells the store how long to display the product for sale.
It is **still safe to eat** past this date.

GOOD FOR UP TO ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE:

- Packaged food like cereal, pasta, dried beans, and baking mixes
- Frozen foods
- Canned goods including soup, condiments, meat, fruit, and vegetables

GOOD FOR UP TO 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE:

- Butter
- Cheese
- Eggs

GOOD FOR UP TO SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE:

- Milk
- Yogurt
- Cream Cheese

Questions? Contact us at 215-223-2220 or info@sharefoodprogram.org.



Cafeteria Connection

Connecting you to your child's school lunchroom



GET TO KNOW THE NUTRITION GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL MEALS

Parents are often curious about school meals and the reasons behind why we serve the menus that we do. Some wonder why we don't just serve pizza and hamburgers every day, while others think that the food just isn't healthy enough.

Schools like ours that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) are required by the USDA to serve menus that meet specific nutrition standards to ensure we serve students nutritious foods that fuel growing bodies and support learning minds.

What are the nutrition requirements school meals need to meet?

- **MORE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.** We offer students a variety of fruits and vegetables at every meal. Our vegetable choices must include weekly offerings of legumes (beans/peas), dark green, starchy, red/orange, and "other" vegetables (such as cucumbers or green beans). Your child is required to take at least a ½ cup serving of fruits or vegetables with every school breakfast or lunch.
- **SODIUM LIMITS.** We're gradually reducing the sodium from school meals and finding creative ways to add flavor to foods without adding salt, like adding herbs and spices.
- **AGE-APPROPRIATE CALORIE RANGES.** Meals must meet calorie minimums and maximums based on grade level:
- **MORE WHOLE GRAINS.** At least half of the grains we serve are whole grain-rich, or contain at least 51% whole grain. This includes a wide variety of grain-based foods we have in our menus: breads, buns, pastas, even the crusts our pizzas are made from!
- **LIMITS ON UNHEALTHY FATS.** Our meals are trans-fat free and contain no more than 10 percent of calories from unhealthy saturated fat.
- **LOW-FAT AND FAT-FREE MILK.** Every school meal offers one cup of fat-free or 1% milk.

Grades	Breakfast	Lunch
K-5	350-500 calories	550-650 calories
6-8	400-550	600-700
9-12	450-600	750-850



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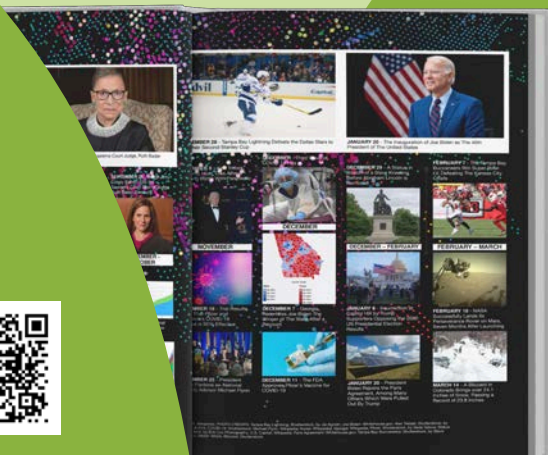
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A FRIENDLY
Reminder

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.

**SCHOOL TIMES
REMINDERS**

7:30 AM
Gates Open
Supervision begins on campus
Breakfast available until 7:50 AM

7:55 AM
School Begins
Gates shut
Students arriving after this time are marked
Tardy and will need to enter through the office

Don't be late!