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Eagle Tales

Elgin Elementary School

Your Community School

Message from the Superintendent, Mrs. Mary Faley

The 2020-21 school year was a challenging one for everyone: students, staff, and the community. While we have had to make some difficult decisions, we are thankful that we were able to work together with our families to keep our campus open for face-to-face instruction during most of the 2020-21 school year. Two of the most difficult decisions made last year, were to close our campus to visitors and to put our sports program on hold. As you'll see in this edition of the Eagle Tales, our campus is now open to the community and our sports programs are back on track!

We kicked off the school year with a Community Celebration to welcome families back to campus. The turnout for this event was truly heartwarming! We are thankful to all the community organizations and churches who participated, as well as all the families who celebrated with us. As you'll see in this edition of Eagle Tales, Ranch and Rodeo Day made a comeback this year as well. Although Tami Cubillas took the reins of the event this year, she couldn't have done it without the generous support of our community.

Flag Football, Cross Country, and Girls' Volleyball teams have not only come back, they are fired up! More than fifty of our fourth through eighth graders are participating in sports this year. Our coaches are doing an amazing job teaching, motivating, and challenging our athletes to do their best. If you haven't been a to game, please come out and help cheer our teams on. Games are always free, and all are welcome!

To our dedicated staff and volunteers, we couldn't do what we do without you. Thank you for all that you do to support our students. If you're interested in joining our team as a staff member, volunteer, or substitute teacher we would welcome the opportunity to discuss that with you.

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Upcoming Community Events:

Pre-K Story Time
Tuesdays @ 8:00 AM

STEAM Night & Book Fair
Thursday, 10/28 5:00-7:00 PM

Veterans Day Celebration
Wednesday, 11/10 9:00-11:00 AM

Kindergarten News – by Mrs. Cubillas

The Kindergarten class has been working hard for the past few months getting used to their new daily routine and learning their basics. They were able to participate in their first of many school “firsts” such as the first day, first school lunch, first recess, first assembly, first Ranch and Rodeo Day, and many more. They worked especially hard on their class circus for the Santa Cruz County Fair. Each student designed their own circus performer and used a caricature of their face for their performer. Their project turned out amazing and earned them their first blue ribbon!

Recently, the class learned about volcanoes and built one out of Play Dough. Each student learned how to measure baking soda and we made the volcano “Explode” with vinegar!



1st Grade News – by Mrs. Gronlund

The 1st grade class pet is a rescue African Tortoise named Frankie the Tortoise. 1st grade is taking good care of him by giving him food and water everyday. The class has been learning about the African Tortoises' natural habitat and many traits and characteristics about tortoises. Frankie has been a great addition to 1st grade and has helped encourage the students to learn more about the animals in our world.



2nd Grade News – by Ms. Mattus

2nd grade has been working extremely hard this quarter! So far this year, 2nd graders have learned about what it means to be a kind citizen who makes differences in their environment. They practiced the 3 R's (reduce, reuse, and recycle) by reducing waste and recycling materials to make solar ovens. It was a challenge that felt great and tasted even better!

In science, 2nd graders are learning about matter all around us and how the states of matter can change. They've made predictions about the outcomes of various experiments and how the states of matter will change throughout the experiment. Students then tested their ideas and made changes as needed. Some of these experiments include designing solar ovens to bake cookies, making oobleck, and making ice cream.

2nd graders are also writing personal narratives and research based expository essays. They are applying story elements to their writing, and using evidence from text to retell stories and answer questions.

In math they are reading and drawing graphs to display data and using it to solve word problems. They have also learned how to explain the value of a number to 1,000 and how to add fluently within 20. They sure have been working hard and developing growth mindsets!!



Board Talk

By Ginny Cosbey, Board President

The subject of Community Building is a topic the school board has been discussing and focusing on this year. With that topic in mind, a retreat was held on Monday, July 26th and included all 5 board members and our Superintendent.

Each person shared their personal bio, so we would have a better sense of who we are individually. The shared bios brought laughter, some tears and stories of family dynamics. We learned about sadnesses, joys and challenges that each of us brought to the table. We saw each other's values and commitments through the lenses of our life's work and experiences. This project brought us much closer together as human beings and not just as board members. We gained a third dimension and greater understanding of each other as individuals, which will ultimately help us in making decisions as a board.

Community is a feeling of fellowship with others as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals. The Elgin School's Summer Community Celebration was a great example of community building in action! Parents, teachers, staff, children presently attending Elgin School and past students, community

members, grandparents, aunts and uncles came together!

Hot dogs were grilled and consumed with gusto! Cupcakes, cotton candy and slushy treats were readily available. Kids ran around joyfully! They played in a jumping castle, visited with the Sonoita Elgin Fire personnel and got a bit wet, they dunked teachers in a dunk tank, reunited with old friends and made new ones. Strength of community lies with all of us, not just a few!

As always, we look forward to seeing community members at our Governing Board meetings. We have a "Call to the Public" where any community member may express concerns, compliments and opinions to the board members. If you would like to speak you just need to fill out a short form when you come into the Conference room and turn it in to Heidi Gonzales, our board secretary. You will have two minutes to speak on your topic. Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM in the Elgin School conference room. The meeting agenda is posted at the Sonoita Post Office, Elgin School Notice Box, and on the school website.

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Elgin School is seeking a Head Coach and an Assistant Coach for the following sports:

- Boys' Basketball—October 18th-December 10th
- Girls' Basketball—January 3rd-March 11th

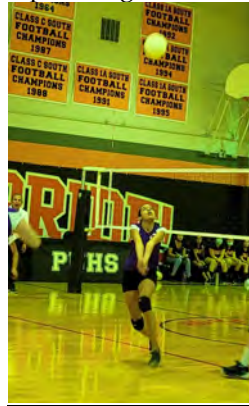
Please contact Athletic Director, Terrell Harper, at (520) 455-5514, ext. 105 or dharper@elgink12.com if you are interested.



Eagle Athletics – by Coach Harper

Volleyball

The volleyball team had their season openers on September 8th against Patagonia. Since then, they have played multiple games throughout the month of September. As of September 28th, the volleyball team is currently 3-2 after beating Lourdes School, Little Red, and Wade Carpenter Middle School, and only losing to Patagonia. The volleyball team is currently in second place in the conference, and if they can keep up their amazing play, they will be hosting the semifinals at Elgin on October 4th. The Volleyball girls have two regular season games left for the season on September 29th, against Little Red and September 30th against Lourdes, both at home, starting at 3:30 PM. The Eagles played the Patagonia Lobos on Wednesday, October 6th for the championship, falling to the Lobos after 3 sets.



Football

The football team started their season on September 8th against Patagonia and captured their first win in dominating fashion, winning 26-6. Since then, the Eagles have played two games against Little Red, losing 16-6 and 26-12. On Monday, September 27th, the team beat Patagonia 38-14 to secure a spot in the championship game on October 5th against Little Red School at 3:30 PM! They have two regular season games remaining, one on September 29th against Little Red and then on September 30th against Patagonia, both at home at 3:30 PM. The Eagles played their hardest against Little Red, but the Mustangs were triumphant this time.



Cross Country

The Cross-Country team started their season on September 2nd, when they traveled to Wade Carpenter Middle School to compete in their first cross country meet. In that race, Henry Beal represented the boys in the first meet, and Gracie Zerbel, Lauren Kalso, and Valentina Quiroz-Gastelum ran in the girls race. Henry placed 6th out of 16 boys. Gracie placed 6th, Valentina placed 5th, and Lauren placed 2nd out of a field of 24 girls. Since that first cross-country meet, they have had two events: at Fort Huachuca and at Desert Shadows Middle School. All of the runners, including Louis Reyes, who joined them later in the season, have ran hard all year and have competed to the best of their abilities.



Middle School News – by Mrs. Koweek, Mr. Masters, Mr. Neal, and Ms. Ortiz

Elgin Middle School is an exciting place where students learn to challenge themselves academically through engaging and rigorous activities. Our core classes are English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science, and Social Studies. We also offer quarterly elective classes such as drama, art, robotics, chess, creative writing, debate, and PE. The middle school team teachers are dedicated to helping our students be successful as they learn how to balance academics with extracurricular activities, family responsibilities, and their growing social lives. This article will focus on our ELA classes.

During this first quarter 6th, 7th, and 8th grade ELA students got a refresher in English language basics, and then we spent some time on biography and memoir. All students penned a six-word memoir based on what they experienced during the summer or the first couple weeks of school. Each grade then moved on to mythologies, with 6th graders studying Greek myths, 7th studying tales of indigenous Americans, and 8th grade examining the antics of Thor, Loki, & Odin. Following mythologies, 6th grade read and discussed Armstrong's "Call it Courage" set in Polynesia, and like the main character Mafatu, tried their hand at making stone tools (adzes). 7th grade read Hemmingway's "The Old Man & The Sea" & screened Petrov's award-winning animation based on the work. 8th grade read and examined Paulsen's "Nightjohn", and discussed what characterized figures in the antebellum South. Middle schoolers will wrap up the quarter writing haikus, limericks, free verse, and will participate in the VFW's annual essay contest. The drama elective class has been learning acting exercises and rehearsing Shakespeare's "Macbeth".

Lauren testing a blade assembly design



Diego exploring angles & surface area



Attempting a robotics mission



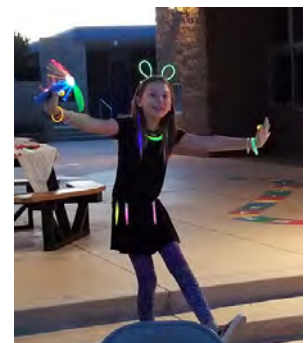
Extracting DNA from strawberries.



Assisting younger students at the fair.



Middle School Glow Dance!



Community Celebration – by Mrs. Rinde

On July 30th, the faculty and staff of Elgin School welcomed all community members, parents, and students to celebrate the end of summer as we looked forward to a new school year. All ages were welcome at this free event. There were games and activities, food and snacks, as well as informational booths for local businesses, community groups, and services. We had a large turnout from the community, and everyone had a great time!



Ranch & Rodeo Day – by Mrs. Cubillas

The annual Elgin School Ranch and Rodeo Day was held on Friday September 3rd. This day is full of traditions, local history, learning, and lots of fun. This annual tradition was started by the Santa Cruz County Cowbelles so our students could learn about the ranching and rodeo history of their community. Students rotated through eight stations, each with its own lesson, located across the campus. This year's stations included a Barrel Racing station for students to learn how to run the "barrels" in a cloverleaf pattern and the Sonoita Rodeo Royalty Court graciously assisted the students. Students also learned how to play pioneer games, pin the tail on the cow, Cattle Jeopardy, and the jerky walk (musical chairs). At the cowboy booth, Vera Earl Cowboy and Elgin Alumni, Kent 'Chango' Etchart brought his horse and talked to the students about the tools of his trade. Livestock Inspector, Rudy Cubillas, and his daughter, an Elgin alumnus, Sonora Schmitt, instructed students about livestock brands, what they are, and why they are used for. Captain Marc from the Sonoita-Elgin Fire Department talked to the students about being Ranch Fire Wise and how important it is to be prepared and to prevent wildfires. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this day possible. Special thanks to the Sonoita-Elgin Cowbelles, the Sonoita-Elgin Fire Department, the 8th Grade Class, Nancy Webster, Kent Etchart, Tony Fennell, Rudy Cubillas, and Sonora Schmitt for all their assistance with this event. Also, a huge thank you to the Vera Earl Ranch for their donation of beef sticks for the kids to enjoy after their day of fun.



Special Services at Elgin School – by Dr. Chris Clouse

Although Elgin School is a small school, we provide a wide range of services for students with exceptionalities. Christine Clouse is our Special Education Director and Teacher who works with students in the classrooms and in small groups. Students with speech and language needs work with our Speech Pathologist, Rachel Lyman. Our Occupational Therapist, Mark Tadlock, works with students to develop fine motor skills and sensory skills. Our Physical Therapist, Kim Munoz, also works with students to develop motor skills. Mabelle Martinez is our School Psychologist who evaluates students who may need special services.

Our team can help families with younger children not yet attending school that may need special services. If you have concerns about your child's development or know someone who has concerns about their child's development, please contact us to ask about an evaluation.

Need more information? Please contact: cclouse@elgink12.com or 520-455-5514 ext 117





PreKinder Story Time
at Elgin Elementary

Who: All PreKinder students who will be entering Kindergarten in Fall 2022 (Must turn 5 by September 1, 2022)

Why: To meet new friends, get to know our campus, and learn Kindergarten readiness skills

When: Tuesdays, starting 10/19/21

Time: 8:00-8:30

Where: Elgin Elementary School Library

For more information contact:
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COME EXPLORE SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING,
ART & MATH

STEAM NIGHT & BOOK FAIR

OCTOBER 28
5-7 PM
ELGIN SCHOOL CAMPUS
REFRESHMENTS AND PRIZES
PROVIDED BY ELGIN PTC



VETERANS DAY

Elgin School Celebration
Wednesday, November 10th
9:00 AM

Open to the public!

Brunch for Veterans and Guests
will follow the ceremony

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Help Wanted at Elgin School

- Substitute Teachers

Position requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree or higher
- Valid Arizona Substitute Teaching Certificate
- Ability to teach to the Arizona State Standards.
- Fingerprint clearance card
- Proof of MMR immunization
- Primary responsibilities include but are not limited to:
 - o Making knowledge accessible to all students
 - o Developing student's cognitive capacity and respect for learning
 - o Fostering students' self-esteem, motivation, and sense of civic responsibility

- Para-Professional-Substitute

Position Summary:

- On-call, substitute to cover during staff absences.
- Assignment to students with special needs to assist them with their learning environment.
- Assistant for teachers in performing classroom teaching responsibilities.

Position requirements:

- Ability to speak, read and write in English
- Related education or experience
- High School Diploma or GED
- Fingerprint clearance card
- Proof of MMR immunization

- Custodial/Maintenance

Position requirements: Able to perform a variety of maintenance and custodial duties including but not limited to:

- Cleaning of classrooms and bathrooms
- Ability to work with cleaning agents and sanitizers
- Gardening & landscaping
- Minor repairs and/or routine maintenance of school inventory
- Must be able to lift and move up to 50 pounds
- Ability to work outside in the elements wind, rain, cold, heat
- Ability to go up and down a ladder
- Ability to work on building roofs
- Ability to work early morning or late evening hours
- Delivery/Courier driver for District business - Must hold a valid driver's license
- Current Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card

- Kitchen Assistance

Position requirements: Able to perform a variety of kitchen/meal prep duties. Including but not limited to:

- Preparing breakfast and lunch for students and staff
- Cleaning & sanitizing
- Must be able to lift and move up to 50 pounds
- Current Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card required
- Current Santa Cruz County food handlers certificate required

Interested applicants must provide the following:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- 3 letters of reference (less than 3 months old)
- Copy of Arizona Fingerprint Card

Please send resume packet to:
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