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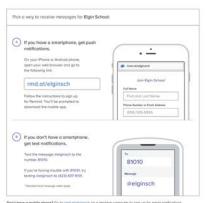
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Message from Mrs. Faley
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As a small, rural district most of our staff wear more than one hat. You may know Mrs. Paul as the School Secretary, but did you know that she is also the Food Services Director? Mrs. Gonzales is both our Business Manager and Director of Human Resources. In addition to being a registered nurse, Mrs. Prentice is also an EMT, and CPR instructor. It's quite likely that your child's teacher has other responsibilities in the district that you may not be aware of.

All of our students know Coach Harper as their P.E. teacher. Many of our students and families know him as our Athletic Director and Coach. However, in recognition of School Counseling Week (February 5-9) I would like to highlight Coach Harper's role as our School Counselor.

Coach Harper's daily schedule includes teaching P.E., supervising recess and lunch, and counseling appointments with students. Sometimes the child's teacher recommends counseling and at other times the parent makes the request. In either case, parent permission is required for children to participate in counseling and services are always confidential.

As a school counselor, Coach Harper helps students to resolve and/or cope with problems and developmental concerns, including maintaining healthy relationships, anger management, family issues, and grief. If you or your child have a concern that is outside of Coach Harper's area of expertise, he will refer you to someone who can help.

Please join me in thanking Coach Harper for all that he does for our students, staff, and families!



Kindergarten

By Mrs. Kim Crawford

Kindergarten has been very busy this year. We've been working hard to build our foundational skills needed for learning to read and write as well as developing skills and strategies for solving math story problems. We've had a lot of fun learning about what makes each one of us special, how to make and keep friends, and build our confidence in learning as we

practice to be the best we can be. We are currently learning all about the United States of America by exploring some of our national monuments, American symbols, famous people, and favorite pastimes.

Last quarter, we visited Apple Annie's in Wilcox to pick pumpkins and run through the corn maze. This quarter we plan to visit the Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve to learn about the importance of nature conservancy and preservation of plants, animals, and birds within their natural habitats. The students thoroughly enjoy stepping out of the classroom for real-world, hands-on learning experiences.







One School one Book

By Dr. Chris Clouse

And our title was... NUTS to YOU!

"A good story makes a journey go by more quickly. A really good story makes you forget you are even on a journey." - Lynne Rae Perkins

In January, Elgin Elementary School celebrated reading with our annual One School One Book program. The event kicked off with decorations around campus which gave hints about the book. When the title was revealed January 5th, every student and staff member got a copy of the book, along with a reading schedule and a Family Fun Pack.

At school, students participated in activities like Kahoot, a trivia contest, and finding memorable quotes in the book. In art class, Mrs. Coleman had "Nuts to You" projects, including creating acorn dioramas, forest trading cards, "lost" posters of Jed, board games, and sewing. Eighth grade students were reading partners with the kindergarten and first grade classes. The school followed the adventures of Jed, Chai, and TsTs while enjoying the author's humor and illustrations. Who knew squirrels love games and prefer chunky peanut butter?

Join us on February 8th for a "Nuts to You" STEAM night. We will have the Science Fair, an exhibit of students' art work, and TK's Trolley and Hot Dawgs food trucks. Students can apply their STEAM skills by making a drey (squirrel's nest), seeing how a squirrel can fly, and making a bird (or squirrel) feeder. We will have displays and activities from SSVEC, SciTech Institute, Cochise College, Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Reserve, Truly Nolen, AZ Game and Fish, Patagonia Regional Times, and Geology for Kids.

To learn more about the One School One Book program, visit readtothem.org











Elgin School STEAM Night

Thursday, February 8th 5:00-6:30 PM











Food Trucks **Community Services Booths** STEAM Activities



Open to the public! We welcome all community members.

This is a family event.

NO childcare is available. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

With FREE activities by:

















Geology For Kids



Zane White
4th Grade

Viviana Quiroz-Gastelum

1st Grade

Emilio Ayon 6th Grade

Eagle Eye - Student of the Week

Recognizing elementary students who practice good character and citizenship









Ellin Eagle Athletics

Support our dedicated student athletes! Online Spirit Gear Order –February 1st-15th

10 % of all orders goes directly back to the Elgin Eagles Athletic Department!

Trivia Night on March 16th at the Elgin Club

Monies earned will be used to purchase new uniforms!





Fever – To Treat or Not?

By Kathe Prentice, Elgin School Nurse



A parent asked, "So, what is considered a fever at Elgin School?" A fever at Elgin School is considered to be 100.0 °F (37.8 ° C) or greater. This guideline is set as a preemptive indication that something is probably happening with your child, beginning stages of a possible infection, virus, or other illness. It could be something as minor as an ear infection, or more severe, such as pneumonia or sepsis.

The big picture is, your child is probably:

- Feeling sick
- Not able to perform/learn in class
- Possibly already contagious for the past 24 hours.

If your child's temperature is 100.0 °F (37.8 °C) or greater, you will receive a call asking your child to be taken home. This primarily is for the health and safety of your child. He/She needs rest, hydration, and food in order to recuperate and fight whatever is ailing them.

How long should they stay out of school or other events?

- At least 24-hours after their last fever (without the use of ANY medications)
- When they can eat and drink normally
- When they have their energy back

Why can't I just give them Tylenol/Ibuprofen and send them back to school?

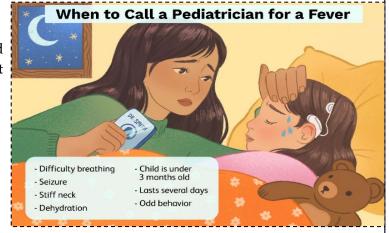
- They are still contagious. The medications mask a fever, which indicates they really are sick.
- They feel better while the medicine is working, then feel poorly again when it wears off.
- They aren't able to recuperate and listen to their bodies because they "artificially" have their symptoms masked by medications.

Should they be medicated, or just let the fever run its course?

- That is a decision you, the parent, and your pediatrician should make before your child even becomes sick.
- There are sources that say to let a low-grade fever help fight off an illness. Other sources say to treat the child with fever reducing medications, if they are feeling miserable.
- Explore homeopathic treatments, such as a cool washcloth to the forehead, essential oils, or a refreshing bath in body temperature water with lavender in it.

We consulted with our medical director, J. Michael Phillips, M.D., and he helped review this tool created as a guideline. Please feel free to cut it out and post it on your fridge, or phone.





https://www.verywellfamily.com/when-should-i-call-pediatrician-for-a-fever-5218359









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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.



5th & 8th Grades Science
April 2nd-4th

3rd-8th Grades Writing & Reading
April 9th-11th



3rd-8th Math

April 16th & 17th

3rd Grade Oral Proficieny

April 18th



Cafeteria Connection

Connecting you to your child's school lunchroom





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

Elgin School Calendar 2024-25

Vacation - No School Early Release Special Event Release

July 23rd-26th Prep	Faculty & Staff School Year
July 29th	First Day - Students
Aug. 2nd	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
Service	
Aug. 9th	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
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Aug. 16th	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
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Aug. 23rd	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
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Aug. 30th	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
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Sept. 2nd	Labor Day - No School
Sept. 6th Service	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
Sept. 12th	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
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	Fair Days - No School
Sept. 20th	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
Service	
Sept. 27th	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
Service	_
Oct. 4th	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
Service	_
Oct. 11th	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
Service	
Oct. 14th-18th	Fall Break - No School
Oct. 25th	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
Service	
Nov. 1st	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
Service	I Event Dismissal @ 11:20 AM
Nov. 8th Special	Il Event Dismissal @ 11:30 AM Veterans Day - No School
Nov. 15th	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
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Nov. 22nd	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
Service	Thanksgiving Brook No
Nov. 25th-29th School	Thanksgiving Break - No
Dec. 6th	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
Service	
Dec. 13th	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
Service	
Dec. 20th	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
Service	
Dec. 23rd-Jan. 3rd	Winter Break - No School
Jan. 6th	Students Return
Jan. 10th	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-
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Jan. 17th	Dismissal @ 1:15 PM- In-
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