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Eagle Tales

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Message from Mr. Erickson

Dear Families,

As we head off for Winter Break, I want to take a moment to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyful holiday season. This time of year is special, filled with traditions, family, and the spirit of giving, and I hope it brings happiness and peace to each of you. We look forward to welcoming our students and staff back for the second semester on January 6, 2025.

When we return in January, we will welcome two new Governing Board Members, Aaron Thomas and Dave Naugle. Welcome! I would also like to thank Megan Thomas and Ginny Cosbey for their years of dedicated service on the Governing Board. Megan and Ginny will be stepping away from the board at the end of December. Harry Dotson, Nancy Webster, and Tony Fennell will remain on the board, joining Aaron and Dave in January. I am looking forward to working alongside the board to ensure excellence in education every day!

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and dedication to our school community. Your involvement helps make our school a great place for learning and growth.

As always, my door remains open to you for any questions or concerns. I look forward to the new year and all the great things it will bring for our students and school.

Wishing you and your family a holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished moments.

David R. Erickson



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Middle School Social Studies

By Mrs. Jennifer Cranston

From Ancient Civilizations to Modern Civics: A Year of Discovery and Growth

What a fall it's been! Our students have been busy diving into history, tackling big ideas, and working together to make learning exciting and meaningful. Here's a glimpse into what they've been up to:

Sixth Grade: Exploring Ancient Civilizations

Sixth graders kicked things off with a fun mapping activity, creating scaled maps of their classroom, before taking a journey back in time. They made comic books to tell the story of the Neolithic Agricultural Revolution, showing how agriculture changed everything. They compared the first empires of Mesopotamia and are now uncovering the wonders of Ancient Egypt, learning all about the Old, Middle, and New Kingdoms.



Seventh Grade: Revolutions in Thought and Culture

In seventh grade, students got creative with projects about the Renaissance, showcasing the art and learning that defined the era. When studying the Protestant Reformation, they brought history to life with multimedia projects about Martin Luther and other key figures. Later, they stepped into the shoes of Enlightenment thinkers like Rousseau and Wollstonecraft during a lively salon-style debate. Now, they're diving into revolutions—from the French to the Haitian to Latin America—drawing connections to the big ideas of the Enlightenment.



Eighth Grade: Foundations of American Civics

Eighth graders have been learning what makes the American government tick. They explored the philosophies that inspired the Founding Fathers and examined the compromises that went into the Constitution. Their projects on Supreme Court cases connected Constitutional ideas to real-world events, helping them understand how the Bill of Rights and federalism work. Whether writing essays, presenting ideas, or discussing big questions, they've been sharpening the skills they'll need as engaged citizens.



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Across All Grades: Learning Together

No matter the topic, our students have been working hard to improve their writing and communication skills. They've been learning to back up their ideas with evidence, share their thoughts in creative ways, and collaborate with one another. It's been inspiring to see them grow and support each other along the way.

From sixth graders learning about ancient civilizations to eighth graders diving into modern civics, it's been a year full of curiosity, creativity, and growth. We're so proud of all they've accomplished and can't wait to see what they'll do next!



Tracy Lewis – Custodial



Hello everyone my name is Tracy Lewis! I am an adventurer and hiker. I love the outdoors and photographing nature. I also enjoy traveling and visiting with family and friends. I'm a mother to 4 children; I had twins and then my oldest daughter had twins! I have a total of 8 grandchildren. I love all animals and I am a cat mom, they are like my kids and are spoiled rotten. I moved to Arizona in 2014, I'm originally from Ohio but have lived in a few different states: Virginia, Illinois, Kansas, Iowa and Ohio. My family all live in Ohio and Michigan.

3RD QUARTER SPORTS

January-March
Girls' Basketball & Co-Ed Soccer

Girls' Basketball Coach: Kyndra Ortiz
Basketball practice will begin on Wednesday, January 8th
Open Gym will held on January 6th & 7th
Basketball is open to grades 6th-8th girls.
(4th & 5th grade girls may practice to gain skills if interested)

Soccer Coaches: Lindsey Beal & Suzanne Wilcox
Soccer practice will begin on Wednesday, January 8th
Soccer is open to girls & boys in 5th-8th grades.

Contact Athletic Director Harper for more
information at dharp@elgink12.com.



Absences must be reported to the office by the parent/guardian by **8:30 AM** if your student will be absent or tardy!

Please contact the office, and include the following information:

- Reason for absence
 - Illness – include symptoms such as fever, vomiting, etc.
 - Medical/Dental Appointments
 - Personal
- How many days student(s) will be absent
- Tardy students
 - Please notify office if a school lunch is required.
 - And provide an approximate arrival time

Absences that have not been reported will be marked as unexcused.

Contact the office to report absences or tardy via:

Phone – (520) 455-5514, ext. 300

Email – mpaul@elgink12.com

ParentVUE – via website or mobile app (see directions on page 2)



Elgin School Spelling Bee

By Mrs. Alicyn Morrell-Schnurr



What an exciting day at the 2024 - 2025 Elgin School Spelling Bee! Students from grades 3-8 showed off their incredible spelling skills, Sterling Kyrklund - 3rd Grade, Arizona Beal - 4th Grade, Miranda Cass - 5th Grade, Grant Gehlert - 6th Grade, Landry Kyrklund - 7th Grade, and James Phelps - 8th Grade. Our TWO champions, Elementary Champion Miranda Cass and Middle School Champion James Phelps, will be advancing to the County Spelling Bee in Nogales! Let's cheer them on as they represent our school with pride and brilliance. Good luck champions, we are so proud of you!

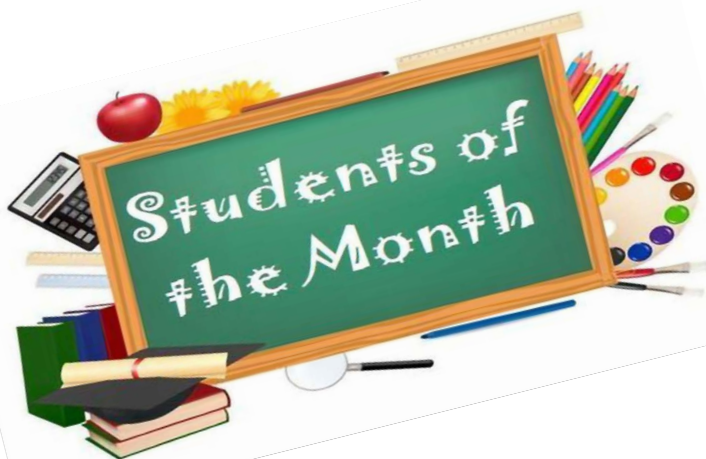
Robotics Team

By Ms. Kyndra Ortiz

Huge congratulations to the Elgin Eagle Robotics Team for their hard work and dedication this season! On Saturday, December 7th, they competed against 18 teams in the First Lego League Challenge, showcasing their innovative Hurricane Management project and going head-to-head in the exciting Submerged robot game.

Though they didn't advance to the state tournament, their effort, creativity, and teamwork have been truly inspiring. Amazing job, Eagles! Keep soaring high!





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8th Grade
November



Emry Willie

2nd Grade
November



Leheric Davis

3rd Grade
December



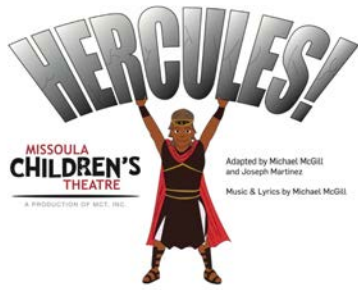
Hudson Willie

6th Grade
December

Eagle Eye - Student of the Week

Recognizing elementary students who practice good character and citizenship





Elgin Students Shine in Missoula Children's Theatre's Hercules

By: Dr. Jerome Ramirez and Mrs. Lucy Reyes

Elgin Elementary School students lit up the stage on December 14, 2024, as they performed the highly anticipated annual theatre presentation under the direction of the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT). This year, the spotlight was on the classic tale of *Hercules*, showcasing the remarkable talents of 34 student performers in a show that brought laughter, drama, and excitement to the audience.

The Missoula Children's Theatre, a renowned touring theatre company, has long been dedicated to sparking creativity and self-expression among young people. With a mission to develop life skills through participation in the performing arts, MCT has inspired countless students across the nation. The residency at Elgin Elementary, which ran from December 9 to 14, provided a week of intense preparation for this unforgettable performance.

This year's directors, Kim Doyle and Rochanee Myles, brought passion and expertise to the production. Kim, a Virginia native and recent graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, expressed her enthusiasm for her role, saying, "I love seeing the students transform on stage and discover their potential." Her previous experience directing *The Revolutionists* and assistant directing *Let The Right One In* added depth to her creative vision. Rochanee, a graduate of Northwestern State University with a degree in performance and directing, shared her joy for theatre and her excitement to work with young talents. With her love for anime and k-dramas, she brought a unique perspective to storytelling on stage.

The week began with auditions on Monday, where Kim and Rochanee selected 34 students to bring *Hercules* to life. Eighth-grader Ridger Willie was cast as the titular hero, embodying the strength and determination that the role demanded. "I was nervous at first, but once I got into character, it was amazing," Ridger said. "I'm so proud of what we all accomplished together." Rehearsals were held daily from 2 PM to 6:30 PM, as students worked tirelessly to memorize lines, perfect their blocking, and immerse themselves in the world of ancient Greece. "The training was rigorous, but it was worth every moment," one cast member shared. The week culminated in a dress rehearsal on Friday, giving the performers a final chance to polish their scenes and step into their roles with confidence.

On Saturday, the gymnasium buzzed with excitement as parents, teachers, and community members gathered to watch the final performance. Mr. Scott Ramsey generously volunteered as the accompanist for the show, providing live music that enhanced the overall theatrical experience. Elgin Elementary School was truly thankful for his generous help. The students delivered a captivating show filled with humor, action, and heartfelt moments. Audience members were awed by the professionalism and dedication of the young cast. "It was an absolute joy to see our students shine on stage," one teacher remarked. "Their hard work truly paid off."

Kim and Rochanee both expressed their pride in the students' achievements. When asked about training the kids at Elgin Elementary School, Kim shared, "These kids are absolutely phenomenal. They took everything really, really well. They digested it really well. They were so into it." She also offered some advice, saying, "Don't be afraid to be silly, and to just go outside of your comfort zone." Rochanee echoed Kim's sentiments, adding, "These kids are incredible. They've grown so much in just one week, and we couldn't be prouder of their performance."

The Missoula Children's Theatre residency has once again proven to be a highlight of the school year, leaving students with cherished memories and newfound confidence. As the curtains closed on *Hercules*, the applause resonated not just for a successful show, but for the talent and determination of Elgin Elementary's rising stars.



Elgin Eagle Athletics



Nurse's Corner




Tips for January

1. Dress your child in layers to accommodate for the changing temperatures and days this month. Mark clothing with names on the tags. Escort your child into the gym to search the "Lost and Found" bin and retrieve their items. Many times, children can't remember or identify them.
2. Encourage oral fluids to keep hydrated. The colder weather can be deceiving, as many of us forget to drink. Children should drink a goal of $\frac{1}{2}$ oz to 1oz of fluid per body weight daily. Fluid can be considered water, milk, juice, tea, drinks with low sugar, other fluids with low sugar. Energy drinks are NOT considered a good option.

Weight	Ounces of Fluid	Cups of fluid (rounded up) 1c=8oz
25 lbs	12oz-24oz	1 1/2c to 3c
30 lbs	15oz-30oz	2c to 4c
40 lbs	20oz-40oz	2 1/2c-5c
50 lbs	25oz-50oz	3c-6 1/2c
60lbs	30oz-60oz	3 3/4c-7 1/2c
75lbs	38oz-75oz	4 3/4c-9 1/2c
100lbs	50oz-100oz	6 1/2c-12 1/2c
125lbs	63oz-125oz	8c-15c
150lbs	75oz-150oz	9 1/2c-19c
175lbs	88oz-175oz	11c-22c

3. Water bottles should go home at a minimum **every Friday**, if not daily, to get sanitized at home with hot soapy water or vinegar for a good scrubbing. Bacteria and other contaminants can grow quickly.
4. Wash hands frequently. Encourage rinsing all the way up and past the forearms. Many smaller children forget to rinse off the soap and develop contact dermatitis, or rashes, that are red and painful. Lotion for dry skin in the morning can also help keep the skin in good condition. Your skin is the biggest barrier in preventing germs from getting into your body.
5. Pack extra drinks and protein packed snacks for eating after school before sports or other practices. Stomachs are small, and growth spurts result in needed additional calories. Hunger pains are real, and it is hard to concentrate when your belly hurts.
6. Bloody noses can occur more frequently in the dry/cold weather. Over the counter nasal saline sprays (without medication additives) can be used in the morning or evening before bed. This can be followed by a small amount of triple antibiotic ointment or Vaseline applied with a Q-tip in each lower portion of the nostrils after using the spray or after taking a shower.
7. Consider getting your flu shots. Also, use the winter break as a time to catch up on needed immunizations and doctor's appointments.
8. Stay home if feeling poorly. Viruses are contagious 24-hours before a fever shows up. Don't show up to school and "try and make it through the day". Stay home one day to rest and hydrate. Many times, this is all that is needed to overcome an illness.

Is It Allergies, Cold, Flu, COVID-19 or RSV?

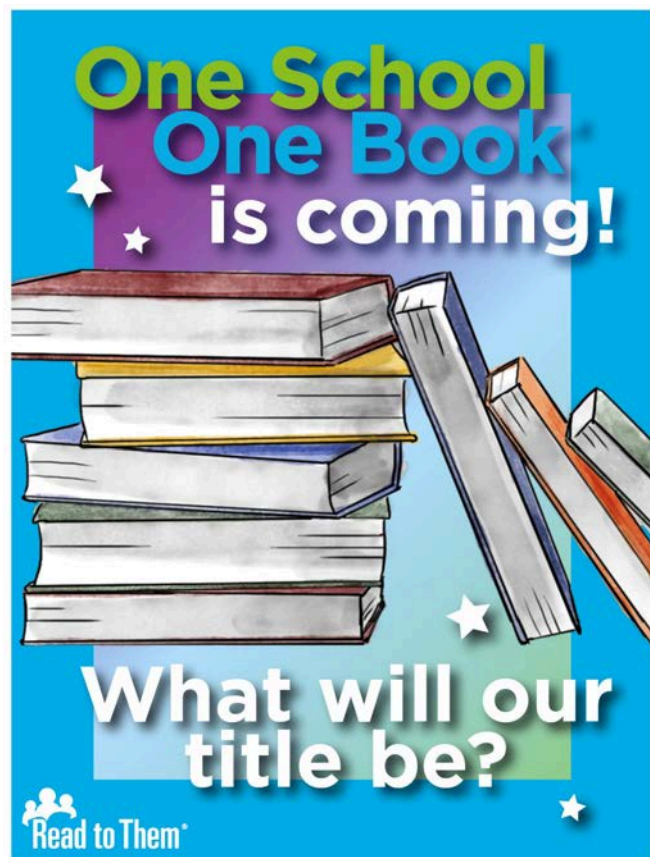
Symptoms	 Seasonal Allergies	 Cold	 Flu	 COVID-19	 RSV Bronchiolitis
Stuffy or runny nose	Often	Often	Sometimes	Sometimes	Often
Sneezing	Often	Sometimes	Sometimes	Rarely	Rarely
Wheezing	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes	Rarely	Often
Itchy eyes	Often	Rarely, never	Rarely, never	Rarely	
Fever	Never	Sometimes	Often	Sometimes	Sometimes
Aches and pains	Never	Sometimes	Often	Sometimes	
Headache	Rarely	Often	Sometimes	Sometimes	
Cough	Sometimes	Often	Often	Often	Often
Vomiting	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes
Warning time	Symptoms occur after exposure to allergen	Gets worse over several days	Sudden onset	Variable	Gets worse over several days
How long it lasts	Weeks to months	Usually 3-14 days	Usually 10-14 days	Usually 10-14 days	Usually 2-3 weeks
Diarrhea	Never	Rarely	Rarely	Sometimes	Sometimes
Loss of taste or smell	Never*	Never*	Never*	Sometimes	
Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing	Never	Rarely	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Fatigue	Never	Rarely	Often	Sometimes	
Sore throat		Often	Often	Sometimes	

* Stuffy nose can temporarily alter smell and taste but these senses are not lost completely.

**Occurs most commonly in children younger than 2 years old.




NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S®
When your child needs a hospital, everything matters.



Elgin School STEAM Night

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



Save the Date!

More details to come soon!

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.

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

NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

HELP RAISE AWARENESS
FOR HEART DISEASE

FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 7TH

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



Kindergarten Registration 2025-26

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

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| 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



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
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February						16
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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

Cafeteria Connection

Connecting you to your
child's school lunchroom



HYDRATION IS KEY: How School Meals Help Keep Kids Hydrated

We all know how essential water is for staying healthy, but did you know that proper hydration is especially important for children? Hydration plays a critical role in keeping kids alert, focused, and energized throughout the day. Whether they're learning in the classroom or playing on the playground, water helps regulate body temperature, support digestion, and ensure that the brain and muscles are working at their best.

THE ROLE OF SCHOOL MEALS IN HYDRATION

At school, we take hydration seriously and ensure that students have access to a variety of options that support their fluid needs. In addition to offering water with every meal, we also serve low-fat or fat-free milk during breakfast and lunch. These options not only help meet hydration needs but also provide key nutrients like calcium, vitamin D, and potassium that support overall health.

We also encourage students to consume fruits and vegetables as part of their meals, many of which are naturally high in water content. **Fruits like watermelon, oranges, and apples, and vegetables like cucumbers and lettuce, provide both hydration and essential vitamins, minerals, and fiber, keeping kids refreshed and nourished.**

ENCOURAGING HEALTHY HABITS

Parents, you can reinforce these healthy hydration habits by reminding your children to drink water regularly and encouraging them to choose water-rich fruits and vegetables. Sending them to school with a refillable water bottle is another easy way to promote regular hydration throughout the day. Together, we can ensure that our students stay properly hydrated, healthy, and ready to learn and play.

