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# Eagle Tales

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## Message from Mrs. Faley

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) has designated April as the Month of the Young Child and April 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as the Week of the Young Child. Did you know that 90% of Brain Growth happens before Kindergarten? According to First Things First – *From birth to age 5, a child's brain develops more than at any other time in life. And early brain development has a lasting impact on a child's ability to learn and succeed in school and life. The quality of a child's experiences in the first few years of life – positive or negative – helps shape how their brain Develops.*

As you may have heard, we received a grant from the Santa Cruz County Superintendent's Office to create an Early Childhood Center on our campus. Plans are in place to remodel room 14/15 to provide a meeting room for parents, as well as an early childhood classroom. In addition, the grant will also pay for a playground structure, furniture, and equipment for the early childhood classroom.

At a minimum, this will provide a very nice space for childcare during parent programs. However, this space will also be designed to meet licensing requirements for a preschool program. While there are many details to be worked out, please call the office or email Ms. Paul at mpaul@elgink12.com, and let us know if you have a child who will be three or four by September 1, 2024. This will enable us to assess the demand for a preschool program and reach out to you directly.



### Sign up for important updates from Elgin School.

Get information for Elgin School right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for Elgin School:

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On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/elginsch](https://rmd.at/elginsch)

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

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Text the message @elginsch to the number 81010.

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## Embracing New Beginnings: My Journey as a Teacher at Elgin Elementary School

By Mrs. Aisel Gaviola

It is with great excitement and gratitude that I share my journey as a new teacher here at Elgin Elementary School, Sonoita School District, Arizona. With 15 years of teaching experience in the Philippines, transitioning to a new school and a new country has been both exhilarating and humbling. However, the warm welcome and unwavering support extended by the school and the community have made this transition remarkably smooth.

I am deeply appreciative of the support and guidance provided by the school in facilitating my integration into the educational landscape of Arizona. From the insightful training to the personalized coaching sessions, each opportunity for professional development has contributed to my growth as an educator. I am particularly thankful for the mentorship of fellow teachers who have generously shared their wisdom and expertise, helping me navigate the nuances of teaching in a new environment.

In my role as a teacher, I am committed to providing comprehensive support to my students across all learning areas. One highlight of our academic journey together was the completion of the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program by the fifth grade students. The DARE field trip and subsequent graduation ceremony were not only memorable experiences but also valuable opportunities for students to learn about making healthy choices and resisting peer pressure.

Beyond academics, I have been thoroughly impressed by the diverse array of extracurricular activities and programs offered at Elgin Elementary School. The Missoula performance showcased the creative and artistic talents of our students, while events like Love of Reading Week provided opportunities for parent and community involvement in promoting literacy. The spelling bee, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) nights, and One School One Book initiative have all served to enrich the learning experiences of our students, fostering a love for learning that extends beyond the confines of the classroom. These programs not only enhance academic skills but also cultivate important life skills such as teamwork, creativity, and communication.

Furthermore, I am proud to play a significant role in preparing students for the AASA (Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment), ensuring that they are well-equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel on these standardized tests. Through targeted skills practice in ELA, Math and Science, we will be working together to ensure a high accuracy rate, setting our students up for success.

As I look ahead to the coming days, I am excited about the opportunities for continued growth and achievement. To ensure ongoing success, I look forward to participating in ongoing professional development opportunities to stay abreast of best practices and innovative teaching strategies, providing individualized support for students, strengthening community partnerships, embracing diversity and creating an inclusive learning environment where all students feel valued and supported.

As I reflect on my time here at Elgin Elementary School, I am filled with gratitude for the dedication and commitment of the entire school and community. Together, we are creating an environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. I am honored to be a part of this journey and look forward to continuing to support the growth and development of our students in the years to come.



# Public Safety Day

Please join us at Elgin School for our Public Safety day! We will have Arizona Department of Public Safety's Highway Patrol and Motorcycles,, Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office's D.A.R.E and McGruff, Arizona Ranger's, US Customs and Border Patrol agents, k9s, and helicopter, Sonoita Elgin Fire Department, and additional social-emotional resources!! It is an event that is free and open to the public for kids and adults of all ages (you do not have to have a student that attends Elgin School to participate). It will be a great day to learn about our local Public Safety, explore the first responder profession, and thank them for all for everything they do for us. Please message Ms. Mattus with any questions at [cmattus@elgink12.com](mailto:cmattus@elgink12.com).



## COMMUNITY PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH DAY

**Where:** Friday, March 8, 8:30am-10:30am

**When:** Elgin School's track and field

**Who:** **EVERYONE!** Families, neighbors, community members, homeschooled families, etc.

**What:** A great opportunity to learn from our first responders and public health professionals about the resources available in our community and how to stay safe and healthy!

STATE AND LOCAL POLICE, K9S, D.A.R.E., FIREFIGHTERS, EMTS, US BORDER PATROL, RANGER HELICOPTER, AZ RANGERS, CYBER BULLYING, ATTORNEY'S GENERAL, SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL RESOURCES, SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION, ARIZONA CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL, SMOKEY THE BEAR, AND MORE!





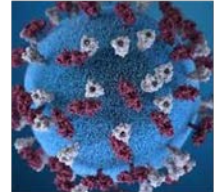
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# Health Office Updates

By Kathe Prentice, Elgin School Nurse

## Measles Reported in Arizona

- There have been two confirmed cases of Measles reported in Maricopa County over the past two months (Dec 1, 2023-Jan 24, 2024).  
CDC Measles update newsletter 1-2024  
<https://emergency.cdc.gov/newsletters/coca/2024/012524.html>
- Prior to January 2024, there had been NO reported measles cases in Arizona over the past five years <https://www.azdhs.gov/documents/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/disease-data-statistics-reports/data-statistics-archive/2024/monthly.pdf?v=20240209>
- CDC: Measles cases and outbreaks <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html>



## Pencils Don't Cause Lead Poisoning

- Did you know that pencil tips don't cause lead poisoning?
- They never have. They are made of graphite.
- Injuries from a pencil tip should be cared for, just like any other penetrating injury. Wash it, keep it clean and dry, and monitor for infection
- Pencil tip injuries can result in temporary, as well as permanent discolorations under the skin  
<https://pencils.com/pages/the-unleaded-pencil>



## Crocs contributing to injuries?

In the past ten days, several students have come in with foot or ankle injuries. What did they have in common? They were wearing crocks.



- + Crocs are great in letting your foot take a break from shoes
- + They are comfortable
- + They are easy to slip on and off
- - They do not provide good heel, foot or ankle support
- - They are not meant for athletic/playground/PE activities
  - Running
  - Jumping
  - Climbing

"Leave the crocs at home and here's why...."

<https://renaissancefac.com/leave-the-crocs-at-home-and-heres-why/#:~:text=Falls%20%E2%80%93%20Many%20people%20say%20that,your%20risk%20of%20a%20fall>

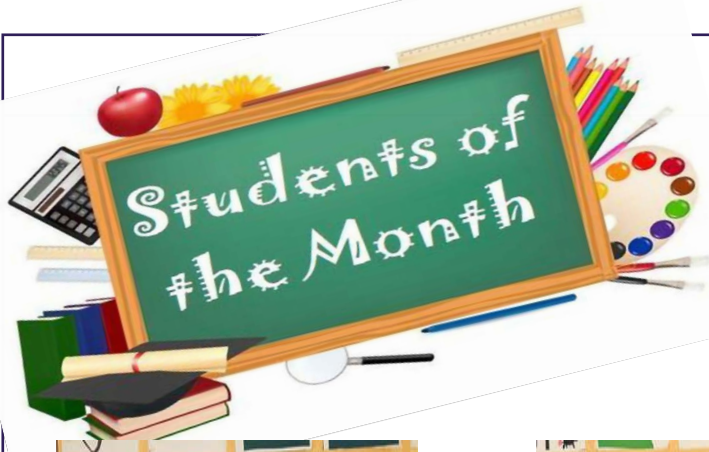


## Jaimee Cass – Para-Professional

Jaimee began working at Elgin School in December, welcome aboard!

Jaimee was born in Ohio and moved to Tucson when she was five. She and her husband, who met in high school, have two daughters and moved to Elgin about two years ago.

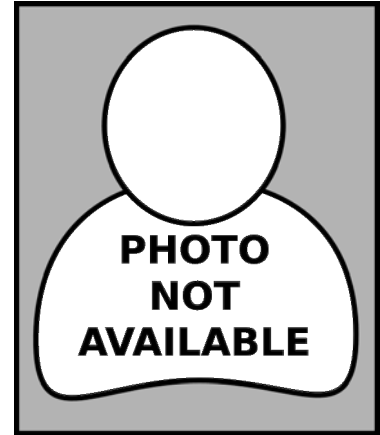
Jaimee's favorite animal is a sheep and they currently have 4 that are bred for her daughter's 4H projects. They also adopted an Australian Shepherd puppy recently! She loves to read and listen to podcasts in her spare time.



**Rori Reynolds**  
Kindergarten



**Colter Beyer**  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Waylon Conover**  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Eagle Eye - Student of the Week

Recognizing elementary students who practice good character and citizenship





# Elgin Eagle Athletics



**COACH  
NEEDED!**

Elgin School is seeking  
a **Track & Field** coach!

The season runs from March 18th through the first week of May  
Practices are held Monday-Thursday, 3:00-5:00 PM.  
Meets are held in Sierra Vista, Huachua City, Benson, and Nogales.

Contact Athletic Director Harper  
if interested or for more information at  
[dharpere@elgink12.com](mailto:dharpere@elgink12.com).

**TRIVIA  
NIGHT** **OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC**

@ ELGIN COMMUNITY CLUB

**MARCH  
16, 2024  
DOORS  
OPEN  
5 P.M.**

MONEY TO BENEFIT  
**THE ELGIN  
SCHOOL**  
FOR SPORTS  
UNIFORMS

2-6 PEOPLE PER TEAM  
**\$25 PER TEAM**

**FINGER FOODS TO  
MUNCH ON**

Elgin School  
PTC

## Upcoming Events:

March 7th 7:30 AM  
Monthly Meeting - Conference Room

March 26th  
7:30-8:00 AM  
Coffee Hour

March 30th  
8:00 AM - Noon  
Bake Sale  
Fairgrounds - Opening Ceremonies

## 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 Coffee Hour

Tuesday, March 26th  
7:30-8:30 AM

Bring your  
cup and fill  
it up!

Donations  
Appreciated!

Homemade  
Treats!



## Elgin School PTC

# BAKE SALE

Saturday, March 30th  
8:00 AM - Noon

Sonoita Fairgrounds Baseball Field  
Little League Opening Ceremonies



Fresh made  
Breakfast Burritos!



Pies Brownies Breads  
Cookies Cakes And More!

Baked goods and  
Volunteers Needed!  
Sign up here!  
<http://tinyurl.com/58jxrbue>







# Kindergarten Registration 2024-25

**Wednesday, April 24th  
8:00-9:30 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 - Library
9:00 AM	Campus Tour for parents and students
9:15 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, 2024

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

[www.elgink12.com](http://www.elgink12.com)

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Please use the following link to schedule your parent-teacher conference!

Conferences will be held on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. A few appointments may be available Wednesday & Thursday after school as well.

If you prefer your conference be held virtually or over the phone, please contact your child's teacher via email once you have made your appointment time.

[https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Elgin\\_School](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Elgin_School)





# WE ARE HIRING

## 2024-2025 Openings

- ✓ Middle School Science
- ✓ Elementary Teacher

## Join Our Team Now!

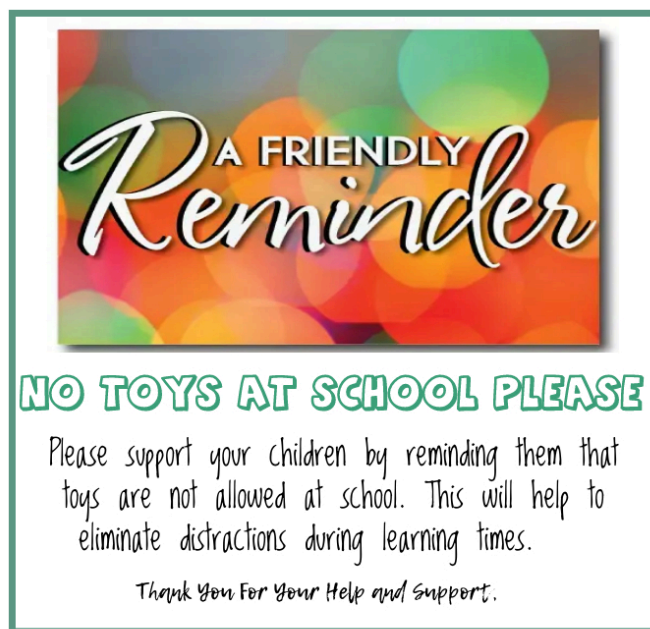
- ✓ Substitute Kitchen Assistant
- ✓ Substitute Teachers
- ✓ Substitute Para-Professionals

For more information visit our website or email the business office

<https://www.elgink12.com/Employment-and-HR>

[hgonzales@elgink12.com](mailto:hgonzales@elgink12.com)

Posted 2/16/2024



#### **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





# **2024 Testing Dates**

**5th & 8th Grades Science**

**April 2nd-4th**

**3rd-8th Grades Writing & Reading**

**April 9th-11th**



**3rd-8th Math**

**April 16th & 17th**

**3rd Grade Oral Proficiency**

**April 18th**



# Cafeteria Connection

Connecting you to your child's school lunchroom



## THE POWER OF Whole Grains in School Meals

As school nutrition professionals, we are committed to providing your children with nutritious and delicious meals that fuels their learning. Whole grains play an important role in this commitment, offering many health benefits for our growing students.

### WHY WHOLE GRAINS?

**Whole grains are nutritional powerhouses.** Packed with fiber, vitamins, and minerals, they provide sustained energy – something students need to stay focused and engaged throughout the school day. From breakfast to lunch, integrating whole grains into our menu is a priority.

### MEETING CURRENT STANDARDS WITH VARIETY

You'll be happy to know that our school meals meet the latest standards for whole grains. **The USDA requires that at least half of the grains served in school meals be whole grain-rich.** This ensures that your child gets the nutritional benefits without compromising on taste. Our menu features an assortment of whole grain-rich options, from whole grain bagels and cereals at breakfast to whole grain bread and pasta at lunch. **We understand the importance of variety to keep things exciting, ensuring students enjoy every bite.**

### SUPPORTING ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Why does it matter? Whole grains contribute to academic success. They provide a steady release of energy, promoting concentration, and cognitive function. ***It's not just about meeting requirements; it's about giving our students the best chance to excel.***

### YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

By supporting whole grains in school meals, you're actively contributing to your child's well-being and academic achievements. Plus, it's a win-win – ***promoting healthy habits early on and ensuring our kids thrive both inside and outside the classroom.***





# Elgin School Calendar

## 2024-25

Normal School Hours:

7:55 AM-3:00 PM

Early Dismissal: 1:15 PM

Special Event Dismissal: 11:30 AM

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

July 23rd-26th Faculty & Staff School Year Prep

July 29th First Day - Students

Aug. 2nd Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-Service

Aug. 9th Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-Service

Aug. 16th Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-Service

Aug. 23rd Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-Service

Aug. 30th Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-Service

Sept. 2nd Labor Day - No School

Sept. 6th Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-Service

**Sept. 12th Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-Service**

Sept. 13th & 16th 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

**Nov. 8th Special Event Dismissal @ 11:30 AM**

Nov. 11th Veterans Day - No School

Nov. 15th Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-Service

Nov. 22nd Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-Service

Nov. 25th-29th Thanksgiving Break - No School

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-Service

Jan. 17th Dismissal @ 1:15 PM - In-Service