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Eagle Tales

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Message from Mr. Erickson

Dear Families,

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership. With just three weeks remaining, it's more important than ever to stay focused and finish strong!

This is a time when students can reflect on all they've accomplished and give their best effort to end the year on a high note. Please help us encourage your child to:

- Attend school every day unless they are ill
- Stay engaged in learning and complete all assignments
- Be kind, respectful, and supportive of classmates and staff

We know the end of the year can be busy and exciting, but it's also an opportunity to reinforce responsibility, commitment, and pride in a job well done.

On a different note, we are excited to announce a new partnership with Cartwheel, a mental health provider that offers counseling services for students, both during the school year and throughout the summer. This partnership gives families increased access to professional support when students need it most. Please see the flyer in this newsletter and feel free to reach out to me if you'd like to learn more.

Thank you again for being an essential part of our school community. Let's make these last few weeks meaningful and memorable!

David R. Erickson

In the Spotlight

2nd Grade

By Ms. Callie Mattus

Our second grade class has had an exciting and enriching final quarter of the year! We kicked things off with our Medical Unit, where students explored how the human body works and learned about the amazing people who help keep us healthy.

Then, we began our Heritage Celebration unit, where students learned about their heritage and the cultures, building understanding and appreciation for the diverse backgrounds that make our class so special. We ended the unit with a Celebration Feast, where students enjoyed delicious foods representing their cultures. It was a beautiful and delicious way to honor our class's diversity!

It's been a quarter full of learning, laughter, and growth, and we couldn't be prouder of all they've accomplished!



Thank you!

*Elgin School would like to take this opportunity to say thank you
to our wonderful, caring, and supportive volunteers!*

2024-2025 Volunteers

Lucila Ambrose
Lacey Beyer
Daniel Blevins
Erin Blevins
Fred Bohm-Ragasa
Hazel Bohm-Ragasa
Jessica Carter
Derrick Cass
Jaimee Cass
Ben Beal
Lindsey Beal
Lacy Beyer
Ginny Cosby
Harry Dotson
Stephanie Fennell
Tony Fennell

Tina Fredrickson
Selene Gastelum
Chancy Green
Chris Gummo
Melissa Gummo
Allison Harper
BJ Hintsala
Jenny Kramer
Tim Kramer
Kathryn Leas
Kelly Martinez
Tim Martinez
Dee Dee Meier
Dave Naugle

Jessica Orona
Katarina Phelps
Emilie Pope
Emily Sanchez
Jan Scott, RN
Allan Stephens
Lena Stephens
Lindsay Taylor
Josh Taylor
Aaron Thomas
Megan Thomas
Brett Wagner
Nancy Webster
Sabrina Willie
Wayne Wilson
Tammi Wilson

Special Thanks

AirMedCare Network – PHI Air Evac
Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch
Arizona Department of Public Safety
Arizona Rangers
Bowman-Stradling History Center
Constant Chaos Ranch
Elgin School PTC
KV Cattle Company
Lion & Lamb Vet – Dr. Jessica Rubin
Mountain Empire Rotary

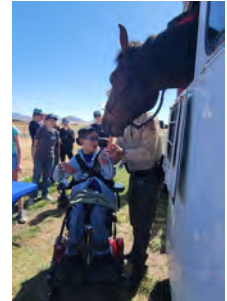
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Patagonia Creek Preserve
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office
Sonoita Fairgrounds
Sonoita-Elgin Fire Department
Sonoita Propane
Sonoita Rodeo Royalty
Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative
Toothbudds
US Border Patrol – Sonoita Station
Vera Earl Ranch

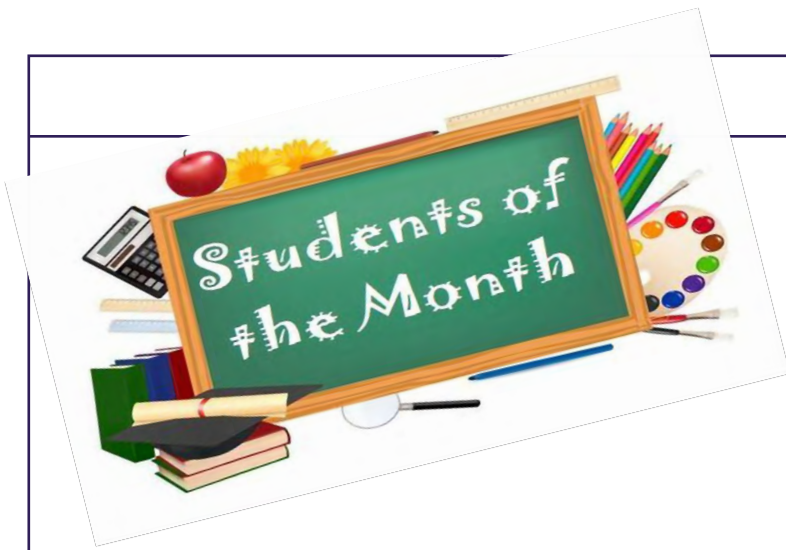
We value all of our volunteers and community partners, please accept our apologies if we have missed anyone.

Public Safety Day

On April 25th our campus was filled with excitement during *Public Safety Day*! Students had an incredible opportunity to meet and learn from real-life heroes who work every day to keep our community safe. The event included agents from the U.S. Border Patrol and Customs, with a K9 unit and a long-range thermal imaging camera, alongside the Department of Public Safety's Highway Patrol and Motors Unit. The Sonoita-Elgin Fire District engaged students with their fire trucks, ambulances, ATV, and wildfire response vehicles. Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department introduced us to their deputies and DARE program, while the Arizona Rangers brought both their rangers *and* their horse! The event also included a special visit from AirMedCare's medical helicopter.

It was an amazing experience for students and the community to engage with our local first responders and explore the resources and technology they use to protect and serve. A huge thank you to all the departments who made this unforgettable day possible!





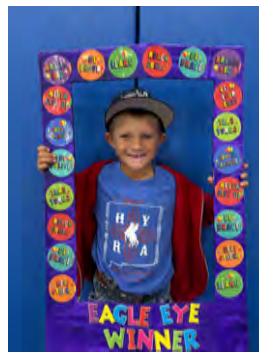
Harper Wilbur
2nd Grade



Kolter Zerbel
7th Grade

Eagle Eye - Student of the Week

Recognizing elementary students who practice good character and citizenship



Nurse's Corner

Summer break is almost upon us!

Here are some things to help prepare for the last day of school:

- Medications
 - Pick up your child's medications from the nurse's office the last two days of school. You can make an appointment, or just drop by.
 - Abandoned items will be properly disposed of.
- Forms for next year
 - Emergency Action Plans, such as Allergic Reaction/EpiPens and Asthma/Inhalers. These need to be completed and signed by your child's doctor every school year. They are actually your child's doctor orders.
 - Refill new prescriptions the month before school starts, if you can. This helps assure your child's medications stay current throughout the upcoming school year.
- Clothing
 - Retrieve personal use items from the nurse's office. Anything left behind will be donated to the lending closet.
 - Return any loaned clothing they borrowed from the lending closet
 - Donate clothing in good condition to the lending closet. Things needed are:
 - Size 4-10 leggings and jeans with expandable waistbands
 - Teen size jeans and sweats

If you have any suggestions or feedback regarding your child's healthcare this year, please share them with me. I am always open to making improvements.

Thank you for entrusting your child's healthcare to me, as well as the Elgin school team this year. We hope you have a fantastic summer!

Kathe Prentice, RN

Kprentice@elgink12.com

(520) 455-5514 ext. 106

**Thank you for your dedication to the students of Elgin School.
Good luck, you will be missed!**



Alicyn Schnurr
2 Years of Service



Elgin Eagle Athletics

Any student participating in athletics for the 2025-26 school year will need a current athletic physical on file. Physicals are good for one year. Athletic Physical forms can be found on our website at <https://www.elgink12.com/Athletics>. Printed forms are also available in the office. Please contact Coach Harper at (520) 455-5514 or dharper@elgink12.com for more information.



Elgin School Burger Burn

**Friday, May 2nd
4:30-6:00 PM**

Please join us for our annual Burger Burn!

This is our day to say "Thank You" to the students, parents, and community members of Elgin & Sonoita for all of your support this year!

Complimentary Hot Dogs & Hamburgers will be served! We will have game booths and a bouncy house as well!



Farewell

Please join us as we say thank you and farewell to our departing teacher Ali Schnurr.



**MISSOULA
CHILDREN'S
THEATRE**

A PRODUCTION OF MCTT INC.

Save the Date!

**HANSEL and
GRETEL**



Elgin School's Missoula Children's Theatre Residency

December 8th-13th

The performance will be held on Saturday, December 13th at 6:00 PM

**Elgin School
Library**

**2024-25 End of Year
Procedures**

- All books are due back to the Library on or before Friday, May 9th
- The Library will be closed May 12th-23rd for inventory

Contact Mrs. Whittington with any questions at
jwhittington@elgink12.com
or (520) 455-5514, ext. 108



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Cafeteria Connection

Connecting you to your child's school lunchroom



MILK MATTERS: Navigating USDA Requirements in School Meals

Our school meal program strives to provide the best nutrition for our students. Let's dive into the world of dairy and understand the requirements set for fluid milk in school breakfast and lunch.



WHY MILK MATTERS

Milk is more than just a beverage; it's a powerhouse of essential nutrients crucial for growing bodies. From calcium and vitamin D to protein and potassium, milk offers a myriad of health benefits, supporting bone health, muscle function, and overall growth.

MEETING USDA STANDARDS

Our school breakfast and lunch programs adhere to the latest USDA guidelines when it comes to fluid milk. Current rules state that schools are required to offer only fat-free (unflavored or flavored) and low-fat (unflavored or flavored) milk options. This ensures that our students receive the nutritional benefits of milk without unnecessary added fats.

ENCOURAGING MILK CONSUMPTION

Parents, we encourage you to reinforce the importance of milk consumption with your children, both at school and at home. Whether it's enjoying a glass of milk with dinner or incorporating milk into snacks, every sip contributes to their overall health and well-being.

What About Milk Substitutes?

A common request we receive from parents revolves around milk substitutes such as lactose-free or non-dairy milks (soy, rice, coconut, almond). For students with a disability such as a food allergy, we require a written medical statement from a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse to make a substitution.

Requests based on taste preferences, religious, moral, or health concerns do not qualify as a disability. In these cases, we may offer lactose-free milk or non-dairy milk at our discretion that meets the USDA nutrition standards for milk substitutions.





School FIELD DAY

Tuesday, May 20th
1:00-2:45 PM

Water Games & More!

Each student should bring their own reusable water bottle, towel, and change of clothes.

****towels and clothes will not be available from the office.****

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 GRAD PARADE

Wednesday, May 21st
8:00 AM
Elgin School Playground

Please join us in celebrating our 8th grade students as they walk to their final Flag ceremony. They will be escorted by our Kindergarten graduates as well!

Classes and visitors will line up on the playground (along the back of the elementary buildings) starting at 8:00 AM. The parade will then begin, and everyone will then follow the 8th & Kinder students to the gym for Flag.



2025

Elgin School GRADUATION Dates

8th Grade
Wednesday, May 21st
6:00 PM

Kindergarten
Thursday, May 22nd
1:15 PM

Elgin School Calendar

2025-26

Normal School Hours:
7:55 AM-3:00 PM

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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



Sonoita School District Elgin School Summer Office Hours



May 27th - June 30th

Available by Appointment

July 1st-4th

District Closed

July 7th-18th

Available by Appointment

July 21st-24th

TBD

Call or email to schedule an appointment:
(520) 455-5514, ext 300
mpaul@elgink12.com



Save the Date!

Elgin School Meet the Teacher Night!



Thursday, July 24th
5:30-7:00 PM

- Find your classroom
- Meet your teacher
- Buy spirit wear and sign up for the PTC (Parent-Teacher Club)
- Turn in paperwork
- Athletic Information

Resources for Families

Cartwheel: Your Virtual Mental Health Care Provider



Your child deserves to thrive. Cartwheel is here to help.

What is Cartwheel?

- ✓ Virtual therapy with licensed clinicians - and no waitlists
- ✓ Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm; Saturday 8am-5pm
- ✓ Multiple languages
- ✓ 55-minute weekly sessions for 2-6 months on average
- ✓ We are a medical practice that bills your insurance. Families with Medicaid or no insurance have \$0 out-of-pocket costs.

95% of caregivers would recommend Cartwheel to a friend or neighbor

92% of students say they feel better after working with a Cartwheel clinician

Next steps:

- 1 With your consent, **school staff will refer** your child to Cartwheel.
- 2 Look out for a **text message from Cartwheel** (617-272-7439) with a "Get Started" link to provide availability and insurance details in our Welcome portal.
- 3 We provide you with a **cost estimate** and work together to **schedule your first session**.
- 4 Please **complete all intake forms** before the first session.
- 5 A parent/guardian **must be virtually present** for the first and last session.



Questions?

If you're interested in a referral to Cartwheel, speak with a member of your school counseling team. After you've been referred - you can email office@cartwheelcare.org or call/text us at (617) 272-7439.


Learn more:
www.cartwheel.org

Cartwheel services:

Virtual therapy makes it easier for students and families to speak with licensed clinicians. All of our services are offered both in-home and in-school. Sessions are private and confidential and can be joined via computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Direct referrals to:

- 1-1 evidence-based therapy (grades 3-12)
- 1-1 parent guidance (PreK-12)

Internal referrals to:

- Psych consultations & medication management
- Family therapy
- Intensive outpatient and partial hospitalization partners

Support services:

- Care coordination
- Webinars
- Referrals to other providers if needed

Treatment designed for students who struggle with:

- | | | | |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| • Anxiety | • Self-esteem | • School avoidance | • Family issues |
| • Stress | • Self-harm | • Motivation | • Trauma |
| • Depression | • Anger | • Executive functioning | • Sleep issues |
| • Loss and grief | • Sadness | • Social difficulties | • Technology use |
| • Identity | • Coping | • Relationships | • And more... |

How much does Cartwheel cost?

- Cartwheel is covered by most insurance plans.
- Standard co-pays and deductibles apply.
- Great out-of-plan options available.
- Families with Medicaid or no insurance have \$0 out-of-pocket costs.
- Before your first appointment, our Care Coordination team will provide a cost estimate so you know what costs to expect.

Questions?

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