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Eagle Tales

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Message from Mrs. Faley

As you may have heard, Elgin School received an "A" on the recently released, statewide accountability system. Through this system, each school is assigned an A-F letter grade, based on the results of the Spring 2023 State Assessments. As per the State Board of Education, an "A" indicates "Distinguished performance on the statewide assessment, significant student growth, high four-year graduation rates, students on track to proficiency; overall performance is significantly higher than state average."

Of course, we are very proud of our students for working so hard throughout the year and for doing their best on the assessment. We are also very fortunate to have an outstanding staff to support our students. However, it's also important to acknowledge the support of our parents and the community.

According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, decades of research demonstrate that families who are engaged in their child(ren)'s education are more likely to:

- earn higher grades and score higher on tests;
- graduate from high school and college;
- develop self-confidence and motivation in the classroom; and
- have better social skills and classroom behavior.

As Thanksgiving approaches, please know that, as a school, we are thankful for the support of our Elgin School Families and for the support of our community!



Sign up for important updates from Elgin School.

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

Pick a way to receive messages for Elgin School:

1. If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

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

m.d.atv.elginsch

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

2. If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message (designated to the number 81010).

If you're having trouble with iPhone, try texting Remind to 1420-433-8900.

Remind is not a messaging service.

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to m.d.atv.elginsch on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.



Middle School Mathematics

By Ms. Kyndra Ortiz

It's been a very busy 1st Quarter in Middle School Mathematics. In addition to learning grade level standards such as linear equations, proportional relationships, percent change, geometric properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes, and all the different ways to simplify variable equations; students have also participated in real world projects that supported these learning goals.

Sixth and seventh grades planned a Dream Vacation on a budget. They choose a destination, priced out activities, "rented" vehicles, estimated costs of meals for them and their guests, and then applied discounts, taxes, and tips to determine grand totals. The appreciation for their parents and vacations was heard throughout the classroom. "I had no idea this much math happened in order for us to go to Hawaii," stated one sixth grade student.

Eighth grade designed, measured, priced materials, and then built two raised garden beds behind the library for the second and third grade students' *Farm to Table* learning project. Eighth grade also completed projects on hourly wages, commission, car depreciation, and other situations in which linear equations apply.

Elgin School's middle school mathematics classes utilize an online program from McGraw-Hill called ALEKS. The use of this technology based curriculum allows for targeted enrichment and intervention. Students take mini assessments every 5 weeks to monitor progress and identify areas of strength and weaknesses on individual levels.





THEATER! DRAMA! MUSIC! COSTUMES! FUN!!!!

The renowned Missoula Children's Theatre is coming to Elgin School December 11th—16th! This week-long residency is made possible for Elgin students through tax credit and parent donations. A little red truck will pull into our town with everything it takes to mount a full-scale musical production of "Blackbeard the Pirate." The truck will have a team of directors, lights, costumes, props, and make-up, everything except the cast. That's where Elgin students come in. The school has declared that week "No Homework Week" for participants, so any student who would like to try out for this performance must be able to attend the week-long rehearsals if given a part. Up to 50 students are needed for this production!

Please note that if a student is given a part in the play, he/she needs to be available Monday through Friday from 2:00 PM until 6:30 PM, and on Saturday, performance day, for morning dress rehearsals and the 6:00 PM evening performance. Students who commit to this endeavor will be expected to follow through on that commitment. More details will be sent home with the students.

Mark your calendars for this incredible opportunity for our Elgin community.

Eagle Eye - Student of the Week

Recognizing elementary students who practice good character and citizenship



Elgin Eagle Athletics





Meet Our Amazing Staff!


MR. RYAN

QUOTE
"Keep It Simple, Silly"

POSITION
Middle School Social Studies

ABOUT ME!
This is my 4th year teaching. I was born in Schenectady, NY. I graduated with my Bachelors and Masters from the UofA! I have lived in Tucson since '04 but I do not mind the drive.

FUN FACTS
In my spare time, I love visiting ghost towns. My favorite is El Oro Mill down by the border. I really like books and own a few valuable ones. My favorite author is JRR Tolkien. I know all the states in alphabetical order.



Meet Our Amazing Staff!

QUOTE: "Life is what happens to you when you're busy making plans"
-John Lennon

MS. BROTHERS

POSITION
Middle School Language Arts

ABOUT ME!
This is my first year with Elgin. I moved to the community in July 2020 from San Lorenzo, CA.

FUN FACTS
In my spare time, I raise camels! And, I am currently on a waiting list to adopt a baby Wallaby. I have also been published multiple times, but most recently I was published in Sweden as a co-author of a paper with an international team. We went into great discussion regarding the benefits of Camel therapy for children with special needs and neurodivergent learning.




Meet Our Amazing Staff!

MS. MORRELL

QUOTE
Everything happens for a reason.

4th Grade

ABOUT ME!
I was born in Naperville, Illinois and moved to Fountain Hills, Arizona when I was two. I recently moved to Elgin and joined the community in June of 2023. Although it is my first year here at Elgin Elementary, it is my fourth year of teaching. I graduated from Northern Arizona University with my Bachelors in Elementary Education and Special Education.

FUN FACTS
I absolutely love living in Elgin!
I love bunnies and enjoy riding dirt bikes!
I just got married two weeks ago!



Parents,

Please help your children understand how to use the landline phones at school by going over this information with them.

Thank you!



Telephone Instructions:

1. Pick up receiver and put it to your ear!
2. Push the "9" button and listen for the dial tone.
3. Dial the 10 digit phone number.
If it is an out of area number then you will need to dial a 1 before the number!
4. Leave a message if no one answers!

Cafeteria Connection

Connecting you to your child's school lunchroom



GET TO KNOW THE NUTRITION GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL MEALS

Parents are often curious about school meals and the reasons behind why we serve the menus that we do. Some wonder why we don't just serve pizza and hamburgers every day, while others think that the food just isn't healthy enough.

Schools like ours that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) are required by the USDA to serve menus that meet specific nutrition standards to ensure we serve students nutritious foods that fuel growing bodies and support learning minds.

What are the nutrition requirements school meals need to meet?


- **MORE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.** We offer students a variety of fruits and vegetables at every meal. Our vegetable choices must include weekly offerings of legumes (beans/peas), dark green, starchy, red/orange, and "other" vegetables (such as cucumbers or green beans). Your child is required to take at least a ½ cup serving of fruits or vegetables with every school breakfast or lunch.
- **SODIUM LIMITS.** We're gradually reducing the sodium from school meals and finding creative ways to add flavor to foods without adding salt, like adding herbs and spices.
- **AGE-APPROPRIATE CALORIE RANGES.** Meals must meet calorie minimums and maximums based on grade level:
- **MORE WHOLE GRAINS.** At least half of the grains we serve are whole grain-rich, or contain at least 51% whole grain. This includes a wide variety of grain-based foods we have in our menus: breads, buns, pastas, even the crusts our pizzas are made from!
- **LIMITS ON UNHEALTHY FATS.** Our meals are trans-fat free and contain no more than 10 percent of calories from unhealthy saturated fat.
- **LOW-FAT AND FAT-FREE MILK.** Every school meal offers one cup of fat-free or 1% milk.

Grades	Breakfast	Lunch
K-5	350-500 calories	550-650 calories
6-8	400-550	600-700
9-12	450-600	750-850

Elgin School Celebration
Thursday, November 9th
9:00 AM

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

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WARNING 
**SCHEDULE
CHANGE**
**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER
9TH**
**11:30 AM
RELEASE**



Elgin School PTC

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 8th 7:30 AM
Monthly Meeting - Conference Room

Nov. 17th
Bake Sale
National Bank Sonoita



Elgin PTC
Bred & Fed Heritage
Turkey Raffle

Tickets
\$5 each
or
5 for \$20



Drawing to be held after Veterans Day Program, November 9th at Elgin School
Winner responsible for processing



Thanksgiving Break

November 20th-24th
No School

Give Thanks



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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:
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