

OCTOBER 2023

# Eagle Tales

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## FALL BREAK

October 9th-13th  
No School

We hope you enjoy your time  
with family and friends! We  
will see everyone on  
Monday, October 16th!

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**CHILDREN'S**  
THEATRE

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**Save the Date!**



Elgin School's Missoula Children's Theatre Residency

December 11th-16th

The performance will be held on Saturday, December 16th at 6:00 PM



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

By Ms. Callie Mattus

In grades 2 and 3, students have been working on a *From Farm to Table* unit. They were introduced to the economics of goods and services in the farming and ranching industries, have been learning about the energy cycle and food chains, and the importance of 4-H, ranches, and farms. They took a field trip to the Vera Earl Ranch, Vera Earl Store, and Frisky Lavender Farm. In science they learned about the life cycle of spiders and experimented with force and motion during a spider egg drop.

In addition to learning about these topics, 2nd and 3rd graders are growing their own garden. We had Mary, from Patagonia Plants, come in and teach us how to plant our seeds in biodegradable pots. 8th graders measured, designed, and built the gardens for us. 2nd graders made compost from their prior unit to add to the garden, as well! They will grow and harvest their lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, and radishes to eat!

They have also read *Charlotte's Web*. In writing, they formed their own opinions about the best farm animals and practiced finding facts/evidence in references to support their opinions. They will practice listening to each other's opinions and collaborate to see different points of view. Furthermore, they explored the book and discussed the characters, plot, and theme of the text, along with answering comprehension questions about each chapter.

They will also get to read with "Wilbur" in real life. They will be comparing and contrasting the book to the movie, too. It has been a fun and busy time in 2nd and 3rd grade!







# Fine Arts

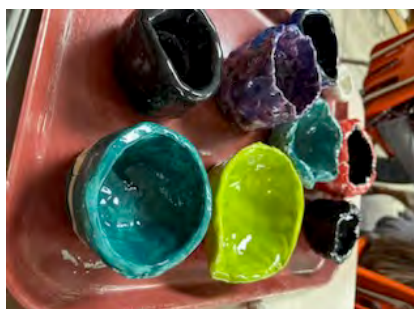
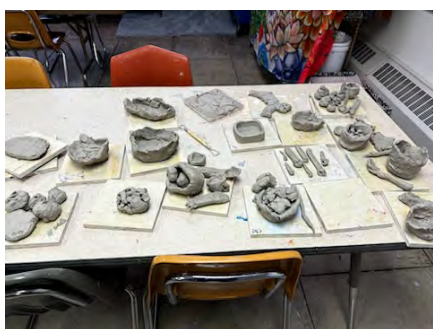
By Mrs. Anna Coleman

The Art Classroom has been a haven for creative design during the month of September. The students have dedicated their efforts to making 3D sculptures, pinch pots, piggy banks, mugs, plaques, bowls, and personal masks out of clay. The kiln has been working regularly to fire greenware and bisqueware, resulting in some amazing works of art! The glazing step takes patience and imagination, so the students have been experimenting with different types of glazes and styles. There has been some sgraffito (Italian for "scratched") work being done also on a few classes' items.

The process in creating a piece of pottery takes time. The students are given raw clay and are encouraged to design a specific project, using the class instructions, sculpting tools, and various items that create imprints on the clay surface. Working with clay is often therapeutic and the students are found to be working hard, while allowing their imaginations to come alive.

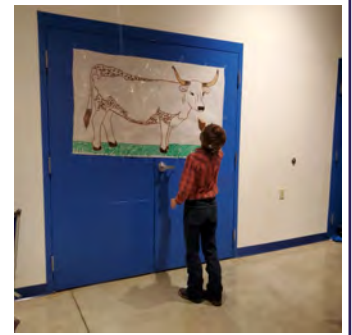
The clay pieces are then set on the shelf to dry slowly. It is considered greenware at this time. Once they have dried thoroughly (sometimes up to two weeks), the greenware is put in the kiln to bake up to 1300 degrees F. When the kiln cycle has finished and cooled, the ceramic piece (bisque ware) is given back to the student to glaze. When finished, the piece must dry on the shelf, thoroughly once again. Then, it is put back into the kiln for another firing. Ceramic glaze is made up of silica (glass former), alumina (the refractory), flux (the melting agent), and colorant. The type of glaze that is used at Elgin School is food safe, meaning if the ceramic piece is completely sealed with glaze and fired, it is safe for food. When a piece is glazed completely, it is also waterproof and much tougher than bisqueware. Each ceramic piece takes 2-4 weeks from start to finish.

The Elgin students love working with clay and have been improving their skills. They look forward to art class and being able to create their own ceramic masterpieces. They also love to share their creations with their families, often making the piece of art a keepsake for years to come.



## Ranch & Rodeo Day – By Mr. Neal Ryan

Elgin Elementary School recently hosted its annual Ranch & Rodeo Day celebration! Students were able to immerse themselves in the traditions of the Sonoita & Elgin communities through many activities; both fun and educational. Members of the community came out to support student's learning and appreciation for the ranching & rodeo traditions. Clint Etchart & Sonora Schmitt, Elgin School alumni and Vera Earl Ranch representatives, came to "show students the ropes" by bringing steer dummies for students to practice roping. Volunteers from the Empire Ranch Foundation really "buttered" students up by bringing in materials and teaching them how to make their own butter. Students then had a chance to sample their creation! Other activities were set up for students to test their knowledge and skills. Cowboy True & False tested how much they know about Arizona ranching history, and their skills were tested on the Equestrian Obstacle Course where students raced through hula hoops and over jump ropes! It was overall a very fun and enriching day for students!



### **Childfind Screenings**

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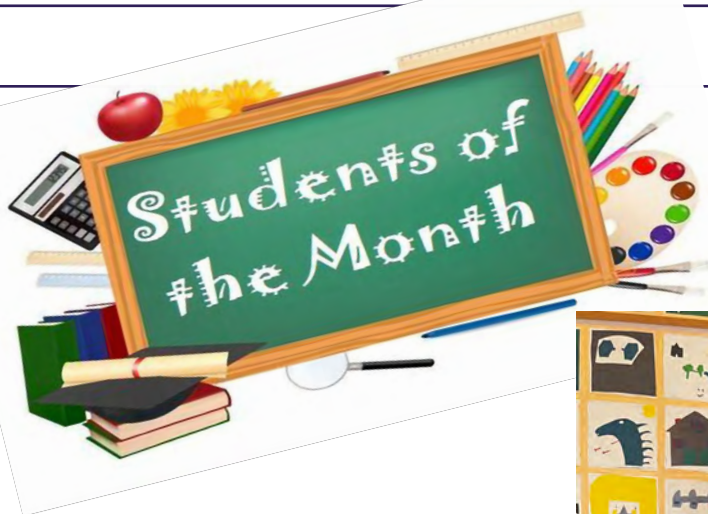
**VISION/HEARING \* SPEECH/LANGUAGE \* THINKING SKILLS  
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT \* BEHAVIOR \*  
NORMAL DEVELOPMENT**

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





### Caellum Blevins

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

"Caellum is a very positive influence inside and outside of the classroom... (he) stands up for others and what he believes in."

### Cassidy Orona

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

"She helps her classmates with their work, helps them organize, and picks up the classroom without needing to be recognized."

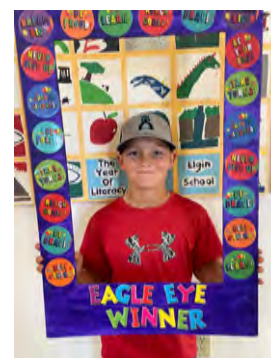
### Audrey Stephens

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

"You are also an excellent classmate, offering help to others and participating in all class activities."

## Eagle Eye - Student of the Week

Recognizing elementary students who practice good character and citizenship





## THE SCHOOL BOARD'S BUFFET OF CHALLENGES

By Ginny Cosbey, Board President

After attending two conferences this summer, it was eye-opening to realize and see that the challenges facing Elgin School and the Sonoita District #25 are mirrored by many other school districts in the state and across the nation. We are dealing with a multitude of factors which can affect our small rural school. Teacher recruitment and retention, benefits for teachers and staff, lack of affordable housing for teachers and their families, and the impact of the ESA program (Empowerment Scholarship Accounts, also known as school vouchers) on public school funding, just to name a few.

Some schools in the state, especially in the Navajo Nation, have become employers AND landlords. They manage several large apartment complexes as there are no other housing options for their teachers. The Vail school district has built some "tiny homes" with reasonable rent for some of their staff. There are some housing options for our teachers in the Sierra Vista area which is a reasonable commute, but to find housing in Sonoita or Elgin would be preferable.

An increasing number of districts across the country have turned to hiring international teachers. Elgin School is in the process of hiring two experienced teachers from the Philippines.

It is a long, painstaking process for them and us, but our teachers will be here soon. Administrators have reported international teachers have flourished in their schools, not just filling vacancies, but helping to improve overall academic standings.

As you can see, our buffet table is full with challenges, but with the support of our staff and our community we will continue to thrive.

You are encouraged to attend school board meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month in the school's conference room at 5:00 PM. Date changes for the meeting will be posted. Meeting agendas are posted at the Post Office, the school's outside bulletin board and on the school website: [www.elgink12.com](http://www.elgink12.com)







### Tina Bockstahler – Substitute Teacher

I feel very honored to be subbing at Elgin School! My husband and I have lived in Elgin for three years and have been in Arizona since 1990, originally from Illinois. We are both retired school teachers from Mesa Public Schools. During my time at Mesa, I was fortunate to work with all grade levels, starting off with junior high, then elementary, and finally high school. My educational degrees include a Bachelor's of Science from Western Illinois University and a Master's in Education from Illinois State University. My husband and I enjoy long walks with our dog Luna, going to the Café to listen to music, and spending time with family and friends. Our future plans include traveling to many of our great National Parks!



### Brittni Gillespie – Substitute Teacher

My name is Brittni Gillespie. I grew up in Kansas, but my husband is military so we have been stationed in Colorado and now Arizona. I have a degree in history education and a masters in special education. This is my sixth year in education, I have had the positions of paraprofessional and substitute teacher. I spend most of my free time chasing around my toddler and dancing to Baby Shark.



### Lindsey Beal – Substitute Paraprofessional

My name is Lindsey Beal and I'm a 4th generation Arizonan. I have lived in almost every region of the state (central, western, eastern & southern). I earned my associates degree from Eastern Arizona College. My family, which consists of my husband and 4 kids, have loved living in Elgin the past 5 years. I enjoy history and being in nature, so I really love visiting National Parks. I also like baking and reading. The last 10 years I have been a volunteer at my children's schools and I'm excited to be even more involved as a parapro sub.



### Jessica Carter – Substitute Paraprofessional

Hello my name is Jessica, and we just moved to Sonoita a little over two years ago. I have 3 lovely children: Jesse, Liam, and Charlize. I played softball at SMCC. I graduated from cosmetology school in 2008. I love to play sports and be outdoors. Now I get to enjoy my kids playing sports. I have many hobbies I enjoy doing such as crafting, building, styling, camping, and having family time!

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:

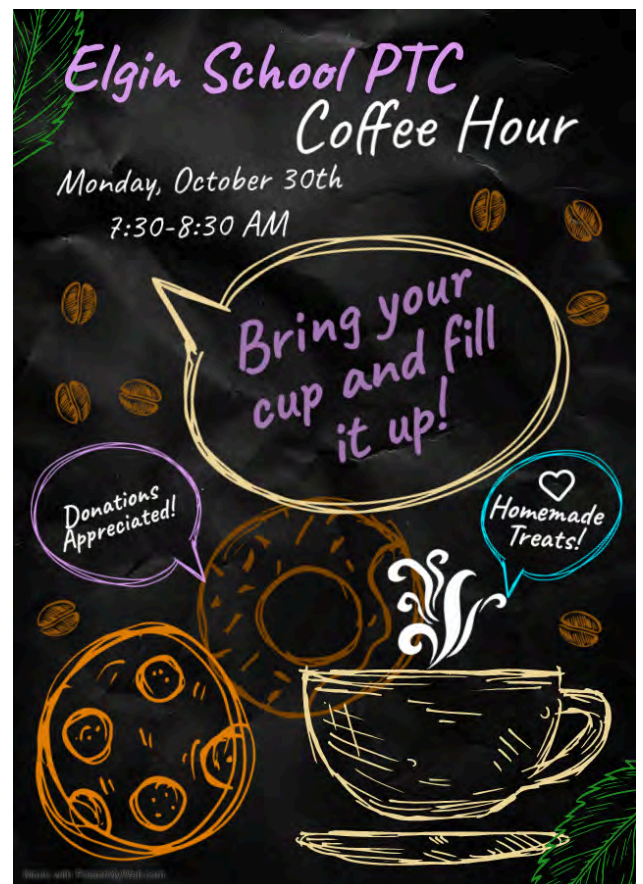
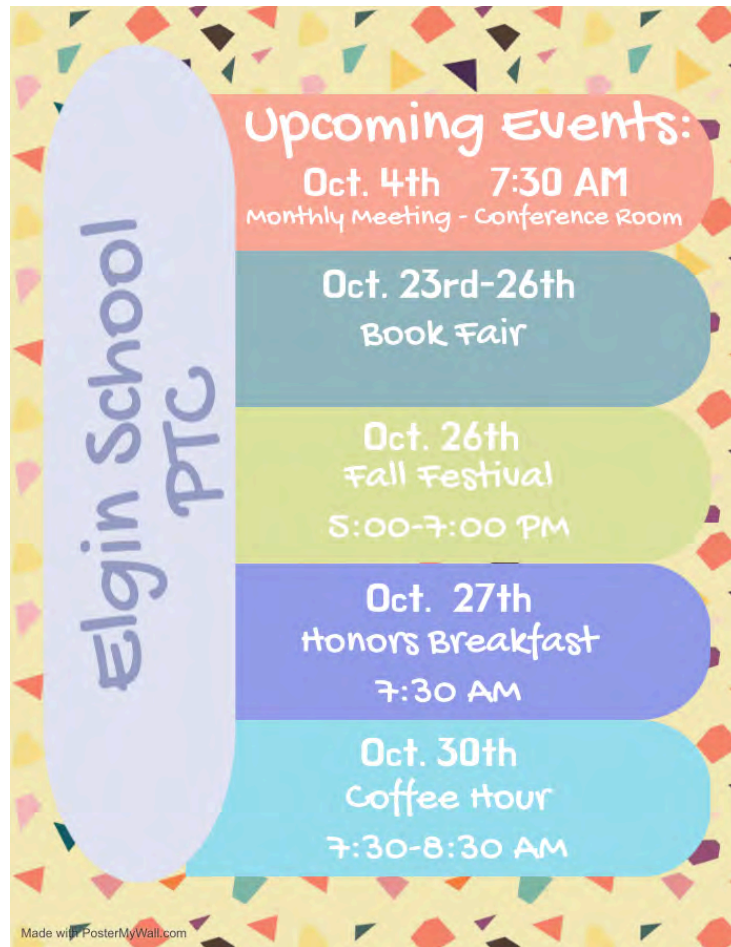
1. Pick up receiver and put it to your ear!

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!







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

Conferences will be held on Friday, October 20<sup>th</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)



MONDAY
Pajama Day! Put drugs to bed by wearing your pajamas.
TUESDAY
Crazy Hair Day! Let's see your wackiest hairstyles!
WEDNESDAY
Wear Red Day! Rock your RED!
THURSDAY
Squad Day! Team up against drugs! Get your squad together to match or wear your favorite team colors.
FRIDAY
School Spirit Rock your Elgin Eagles Spirit Wear!







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*23 Elgin Road  
Elgin, Arizona 85611  
(520) 455-5514 Fax (520) 455-5516*

*Mary Faley, Superintendent  
Melissa Paul, Executive Secretary*

**Sonoita Elementary School District #25  
Elgin, AZ 85611**

**Applications are being accepted for the following position:**

**Full Time Custodial**

- ◆ Position requirements:
  - ◆ Able to perform a variety of maintenance and custodial duties including but not limited to:
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    - Gardening & landscaping
    - Minor repairs and/or routine maintenance of school inventory
    - Must be able to lift and move up to 50 pounds
    - Ability to work outside in the elements – wind, rain, cold, heat
    - Ability to go up and down a ladder
    - Ability to work on building roofs
    - Ability to work early morning or late evening hours
  - ◆ Delivery/Courier driver for District business - Must hold a valid driver's license
  - ◆ Current Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card
  - ◆ Proof of MMR immunization

Interested applicants must provide the following:

- ◆ Cover Letter
- ◆ Resume
- ◆ 3 letters of reference (less than 3 months old)

Job Description – Available on Request

Salary – Classified Salary Schedule – DOE

Full Time, 12-month position. Benefits and vacation eligible.

Please send resume packet to:

Heidi Gonzales

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

Mail – 23 Elgin Road

Elgin, AZ 85611

*Dated: 9/14/23*

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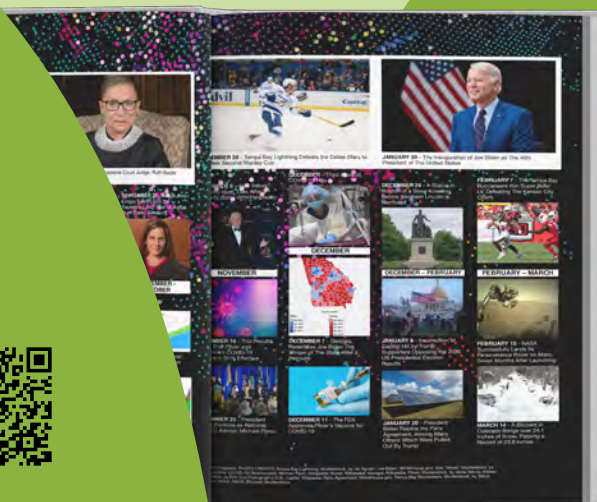
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# Elgin School Spirit Order Form

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<b><i>T-SHIRTS</i></b>	<b><i>SIZE (Circle)</i></b>	<b><i>PRICE*</i></b>	<b><i>QUANTITY</i></b>	<b><i>AMOUNT</i></b>
Youth Purple T-Shirt	XS S M L XL	\$10.00		
Adult Purple T-Shirt	S M L XL 2XL	\$10.00		
Adult Heather Long Sleeve	XS S M L XL 2XL 3XL	\$15.00		
<b><i>HOODIES</i></b>	<b><i>SIZE (Circle)</i></b>	<b><i>PRICE*</i></b>	<b><i>QUANTITY</i></b>	<b><i>AMOUNT</i></b>
Youth Heather Hoodie	S M L XL	\$24.00		
Adult Heather Hoodie	S M L XL 2XL 3XL	\$24.00		
Youth Heather Zip Up Hoodie	S M L XL	\$30.00		
Adult Heather Zip Up Hoodie	S M L XL 2XL 3XL	\$30.00		
	<b><i>*Add \$1.50 to all orders XL and above</i></b>	<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>		

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*For questions, please contact Lacy (520) 240-5381*

