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Eagle Tales

Message from Mr. Erickson

Dear Elgin School Families,

As we move into April, we are entering an important time of the school year as state testing is now underway. Our students have been working hard all year, and this is their opportunity to demonstrate their learning on the Arizona Academic Standards Assessment (AASA).

We ask for your support in helping your child do their very best. Please ensure your student arrives on time each day, is well-rested, and is present at school unless they are ill. Minimizing disruptions to the school day during this time is extremely important and helps create a focused testing environment for all students. We are proud of the effort our students have put in and look forward to seeing them shine.

I would also like to inform our families that I will be attending and chaperoning the CIMI trip from May 11–14. During this time, Callie Mattus has graciously agreed to serve as my administrative designee. Due to limited cell service, I will have very limited access to email and phone communication while I am away. I appreciate your support and understanding and know that our school will continue to run smoothly during this time.

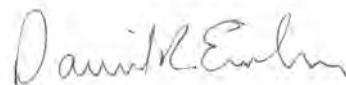
As we continue to Row the Boat, this is a great time to stay focused, keep our oars in the water, and finish the year with the same positive momentum that has defined our school community all year long.

Finally, this is a great time to support our students through the Arizona Public School Tax Credit Program, with the deadline to contribute being April 15.

- What is a tax credit? A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the amount of state income tax you owe. For example, if you owe \$800 in Arizona state taxes and donate \$400 to a public school, you may reduce your tax bill to \$400. If you have already paid taxes through payroll deductions, you may even receive that amount back as a refund.
- Who is eligible? Any individual who pays Arizona state income taxes is eligible. You do not need to have a child enrolled in school to participate.
- Where does my donation go? You can choose exactly where your contribution is directed. Options include programs such as the CIMI trip, athletics, Missoula Children's Theatre, and other extracurricular opportunities that directly benefit our students.
- How can I contribute? You may donate up to \$400 if married filing jointly or up to \$200 if filing as single or head of household. Donations made by April 15 may be applied to either the current or previous tax year.

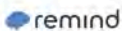
If you have any questions or would like assistance, please contact our front office or reach out to me directly. Thank you for your continued support of our students and school programs.

Go Eagles!



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In the Spotlight

Kindergarten News

By Ms. Kim Crawford

As we wrap up the school year it's time to reflect on our kindergarten journey and the special memories we will always share. We've worked hard to build the foundational skills we need in literacy and math but we have also had a lot of fun making friends and sharing new experiences. We have learned to collaborate, support each other, and work independently.

We've learned about communities and people who live and work in them. We've practiced zooming in to look closely at the smallest things around us and how to ask and answer questions to learn more. We've become more curious about the world around us and how we can work both individually and together to take care of it in the best way. The students have learned how they can be happy and healthy and that they can achieve anything they want to as long as they never give up.

Our experiences this year have taught us to always have a growth mindset while we continue to develop our academic, social, and emotional skills. This is critical for building self-confidence and resiliency. It's been such a great year; we can't wait to discover what we will learn next.



Deadline to order a 2025-26 yearbook is **APRIL 22ND!!**

It's not too late to purchase the

ELGIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL yearbook!

To purchase your yearbook go to Treering.com →

Customize your 2 free pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Google Drive and more
- Answer fun memory questions to help remember the year
- The 2 custom pages are **free** and are printed **only** in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages are just \$1.99.

To purchase and customize your yearbook, use the QR code or:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

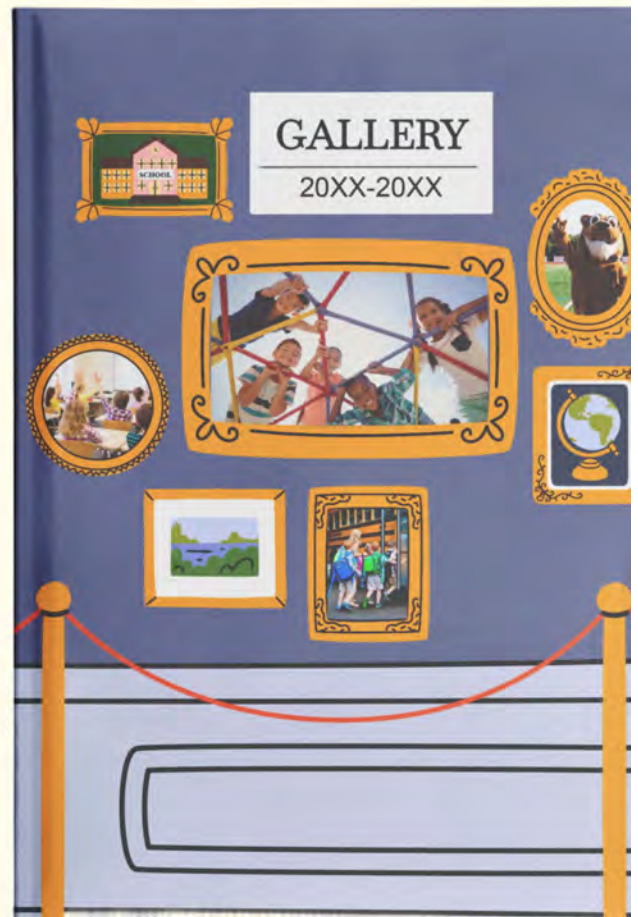
1. Go to: treering.com/validate
2. Enter your school's passcode:

1016358278643056

Regular price: **\$18.70**

*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Deadline: **Apr 22**



Health Office Updates

By Kathe Prentice, Elgin School Nurse

Nurse's Corner



Dental Clinic

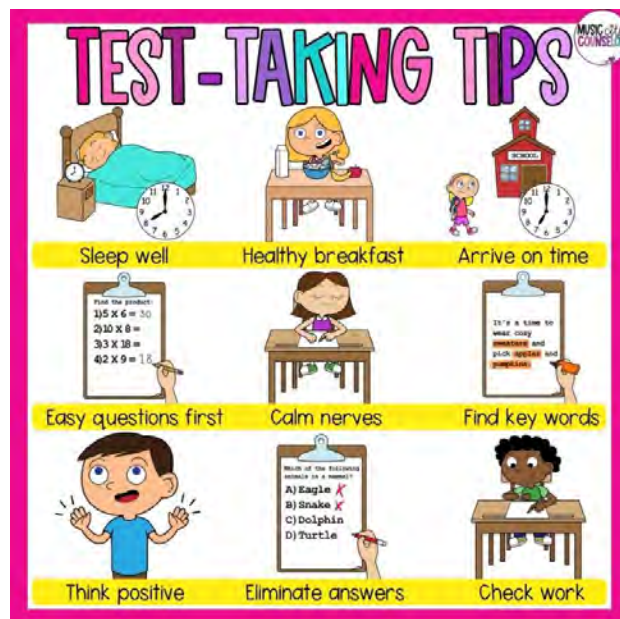
Thank you for everyone's support regarding the coordination and participation in the ToothBUDDS FREE rural dental clinic on campus!

- 24 students received a dental hygiene evaluation and services (21% total student population)
- Each class was offered a 20-minute education session on dental hygiene and care
- Dental service appointments ranged from 10-20 minutes, depending on the care selected, required and received



Testing Tips

Here are some good reminders in supporting your child through April's testing





Valerie Etchart
Kitchen Manager
26 Years of Service

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



Lisa Lopez
Facilities & Kitchen Support
5 Years of Service

wishing
you 
ALL THE BEST

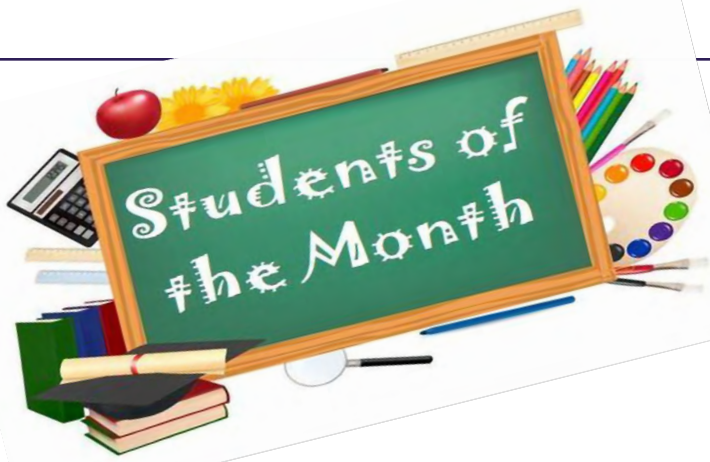
WELCOME ABOARD!



Lindsey Beal
Kitchen Manager



Fancisco Ruiz
Facilities & Custodial



Jubilee Aiello
4th Grade



Henry Krizan
6th Grade

Eagle Eye - Student of the Week

Recognizing elementary students who practice good character and citizenship



WALKING TACOS

SY25/26 HOME BASEBALL GAMES
ELGIN SCHOOL

*WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



\$5 PER BAG

FIND US OUTSIDE THE GYM.
CONCESSIONS ALSO AVAILABLE

SUPPORTS:

ELGIN 8TH GRADE MARINE BIOLOGY CLUB

Elgin's 8th grade Marine Biology Club,
in partnership with Elgin PTC, is...

Raising Some Dough!

Don't miss out!
Pre-order required!!

KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS BY THE DOZEN.

Pick-Up at Elgin School
Conference Room
April 16th from 3-5:15 pm

Pre-order's Due April 9th.

\$20
Mystery
Dozen

\$18
Glazed
Dozen

To Pre-Order: Contact a middle school student/family, email kortiz@elgink12.com, or pay via Venmo* @elginctc.
*Include the student's name and "donuts."

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

A PRODUCTION OF MCT, INC.

Save the Date!

MISSOULA
CHILDREN'S
THEATRE



Elgin School's Missoula Children's Theatre Residency

December 7th-12th

The performance will be held on Saturday, December 12th at 6:00 PM



Kindergarten Registration 2026-27

**Wednesday, April 22nd
8:00-9:15 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 - 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, 2026**

www.elgink12.com

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



NO TOYS AT SCHOOL PLEASE

Please support your children by reminding them that toys are not allowed at school. This will help to eliminate distractions during learning times.

Thank You For Your Help and Support.

Save the Dates!

Elgin School Promotion Dates

8th Grade
Tuesday, May 19th
6:00 PM

Kindergarten
Wednesday, May 20th 1:30 PM

Elgin School Library

2025-26 End of Year Procedures

- All books are due back to the Library on or before Thursday, April 30th
- No books will be allowed to be checked out from May 4th-21st for inventory purposes.

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

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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:
Christine Clouse– Student Services
455-5514 cclouse@elgink12.com



2026 Testing Dates




Elementary Calendar Grades 3, 4, & 5

March 31st - Science (5th Grade)
- Oral Proficiency (3rd Grade)
April 2nd - Writing



April 7th - Reading & Math, parts 1
April 9th - Reading & Math, parts 2

Middle School Calendar



Grades 6, 7, & 8

March 31st-April 2nd- Science (8th Grade)
April 7th - Writing

April 8th & 9th - Reading
April 14th & 15th -Math



ELGIN SCHOOL

BURGER BURN

FREE FOOD, FAMILY FUN, AND STUDENT SHOWCASES!



Thursday, April 30th
5:00–7:00 PM



Taiko Drum
Performances

Student Art
Showcase



Farewell

Join us as we say thank you and farewell to our departing staff:
Valerie Etchart & Lisa Lopez

COMMUNITY WELCOME!!



LOCAL KALE IN ARIZONA:

Harvest Months: **November to April**

Farms to get the local produce:

- Agritopia Farm: Gilbert, AZ
- Blue Sky Organics: Litchfield Park, AZ
- Duncan Family Farms: Goodyear, AZ
- Healing Earth Farms (Formerly True Garden): Mesa, AZ
- New Roots (IRC): Tucson, AZ
- Maya's Farm: Phoenix, AZ
- Westover Farm: Tucson, AZ

Connect with Local Producers!

SCHOOL INTEREST FORM

TEACH

KALE HARVEST FACTS!

- Kale contains Vitamins A, C and K, calcium, iron and is a good source of fiber.
- Kale is called a Superfood because it is high in nutrients and low in calories.
- Use kale within 5 days. The longer you store kale, the stronger and more bitter its flavor becomes.
- Popular kale varieties include curly kale (with ruffled leaves), Lacinato kale (also known as dinosaur kale or Tuscan kale, featuring long, dark green leaves), and Red Russian kale (with flat, fringed leaves and purplish-red veins).
- Kale is part of the Brassicaceae family (also called Cruciferae) which includes vegetables like cauliflower, cabbage, and broccoli.
- Kale leaves are naturally tough and fibrous, but massaging them with salt or lemon juice can help soften them for salads.

TASTE

LOCAL KALE RECIPE:

Kale and Apple Salad



This refreshing salad starts with a dressing of honey, salt, pepper, lemon juice, vinegar, and oil. Mix it with kale and dried cranberries, then refrigerate overnight. The next day, add diced apples to the marinated mixture and chill at 41°F until serving.



To ensure food safety with **kale** always thoroughly wash under running water before cutting and eating.

QUICK MATH: KALE



1 pound fresh, raw kale as purchased (AP) yields

<p>Raw trimmed with stems</p> <p>= 17.5, ½ cup servings (credits as ¼ cup dark green)</p>	<p>Cooked trimmed with stems</p> <p>= 5, ½ cup servings (credits as ½ cup dark green)</p>
<p>Raw trimmed without stems</p> <p>= 24, ½ cup servings (credits as ¼ cup dark green)</p>	<p>Cooked trimmed without stems</p> <p>= 5, ½ cup servings (credits as ½ cup dark green)</p>

Elgin School Calendar 2026-27

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

July							4
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26	27	28	29	30	31		

July 20th-23rd Staff Returns/Professional Development
 July 27th First day for Students
 Sept. 7th Labor Day - No School
 Oct. 5th-8th Fall Break - No School
 Nov. 11th Veterans Day - No School
 Nov. 23rd-26th Thanksgiving Break - No School
 Dec. 21st-31st Winter Break - No School
 Jan. 4th Students Return
 Jan. 18th Civil Rights Day - No School
 February 15th Presidents' Day - No School
 March 15th-18th Spring Break - No School
 May 27th Last Day of School

August							17
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This calendar is subject to change.
 152 Instructional Days

Report Card Periods
 1st Quarter - 7/27-10/1
 2nd Quarter - 10/6-12/17
 3rd Quarter - 1/4-3/11
 4th Quarter - 3/22-5/27

152 Days

Adopted: 01/06/2026

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Teacher & Staff In-Service
 First & Last Days
 No School

December							11
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