

MARCH 2026

# Eagle Tales

## Message from Mr. Erickson

Dear Elgin School Families,

As we enter the month of March, I want to take a moment to thank our families for the incredible partnership you have shown throughout this school year. Because of your support, encouragement, and commitment to attendance and learning, our students continue to grow and succeed. It truly takes all of us working together to help our Eagles soar.

We are looking forward to an important milestone as we prepare for the Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA). Testing will begin at the end of March and continue into early April. This assessment provides our students with an opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have worked so hard to develop throughout the year. We are excited to see our students show just how smart, capable, and prepared they are!

To help students perform their best, please continue supporting healthy routines at home — ensuring your child gets plenty of sleep, eats a nutritious breakfast, and arrives at school on time each day. Consistent attendance and a positive mindset make a tremendous difference.

Please note that Spring Break is March 9–12, and there will be no school during this time. We hope this break provides an opportunity for rest, family time, and rejuvenation as we prepare for a strong finish to the school year.

### Love of Reading Week & Spirit Week (March 2–5)

We are excited to celebrate our love of reading during Spirit Week, March 2–5, in honor of the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. Throughout the week, students will participate in fun dress-up days and literacy activities designed to promote creativity, imagination, and a lifelong love of reading. We encourage families to support this celebration by reading together at home and talking with your child about the joy and importance of books. It is always a wonderful time to strengthen reading habits at home. Even a few extra minutes of reading each night can build confidence and support student success as we head into testing season.

This year has been filled with growth, teamwork, and positive momentum. As we move into the final stretch, we will continue to Row the Boat together — keeping our oars in the water, staying focused, and moving forward with purpose. When we work together and stay committed, great things happen for our students.

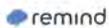
Thank you again for your partnership and for being an essential part of our school community. Together, we will continue building on this successful year and finish strong.

Go Eagles!

*David K. Erickson*

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Don't have a mobile phone? Go to [remind.com](http://remind.com) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

# In the Spotlight

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

By Mrs. Rachel Lyman

This quarter our 4th graders have been thinking globally and acting locally across all of our content areas. This theme has had us traveling around the world to find out about other cultures, traditions, and resources. We are now moving into ways we can help care for our planet and take care of our natural and finite resources.

While we did not take physical field trips to other countries, thanks to Ms. Mattus' 2nd grade class, we were able to travel through Virtual Reality (VR) to Bangkok, Thailand, to learn more about the culture there. We also traveled to Flandrau Planetarium at the U of Az to learn more about our solar system, our ocean life, and many of the small creatures living among us.

Fourth grade students have also been studying the nutrients we put into our bodies and increased our knowledge of healthy food and drink choices. Our food and cultural studies culminated in a cultural feast where each student helped prepare a food representative of their cultural roots. We are also starting a salsa garden to help grow our own healthy food.

This month, we are shifting our focus to ways we can make a conservation difference in protecting our precious planet. We have learned how much fresh water is in our world using our knowledge of mapping, graphs, fractions, and decimals, and are studying ways we can take better care of our natural resources. Did you know that turning off the faucet while you are brushing your teeth can save up to four gallons of water each time you brush your teeth? Likewise, turning down the water pressure in your home by 10-20 PSI will save a typical family approximately 4,000 gallons of water each year. Small changes, over time, result in a big impact in our world.

If you have a moment, seek out a 4th grader to learn more about the great ideas our students have to take care of ourselves and our community. They will impress you with their terrific ideas and thoughts. In the coming weeks, be on the lookout for campus posters, letters, and shared research sharing the ways our amazing students are working to make a difference globally and locally.



The first 3 families to email "Eagle Tales" to Ms. Melissa will receive a prize!

## Nurse's Corner



February was "Heart Healthy Month". Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative provided a grant to help bring the training of "Hands Only CPR" to our 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. This provides empowerment to children in helping an unresponsive person until 911 can arrive. Children as young as 6-years old have been able to save a life by doing this intervention. The three steps involved are:

- Determine unresponsiveness
- Call 911
- Start chest compressions only (no mouth-to-mouth breathing or checking for a pulse)

Do these until an AED arrives, 911 arrives, or the person wakes up.



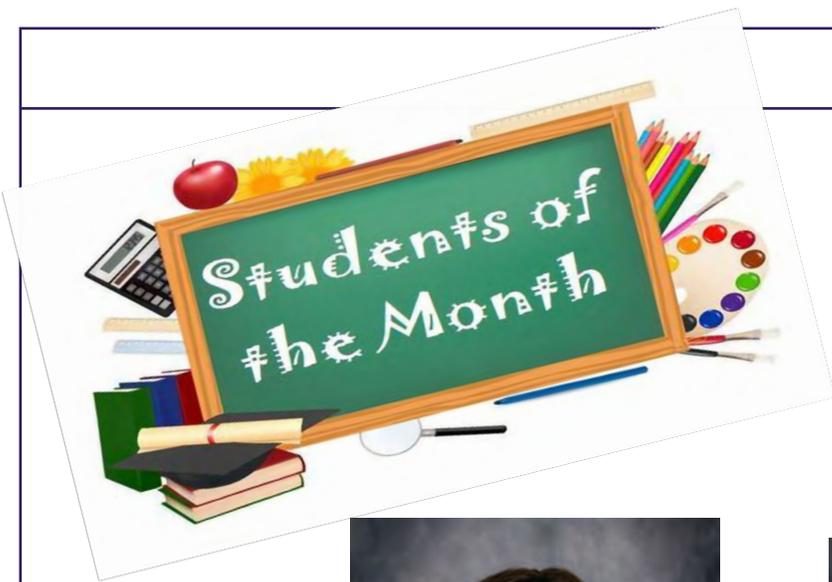
March 23-26th is bringing Tooth BUDDS back!

You should see forms being sent home from the classroom to fill out and return the first week of March. Please fill out the minimum information and return them, even if your child will not be receiving this free service. It helps in preparing for who will and won't be needing an appointment as well as assures forms haven't been misplaced. Space is limited, and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If forms are lost, they can be downloaded here:

<https://toothbudds.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/CONSENT-Form.pdf>

Tooth B.U.D.D.S. (**Bringing Understanding of Dental Disease to Schools**) has set its focus on the children of this region who, through the efforts of this non-profit and generous funding partners, may receive a dental screening, dental cleaning, fluoride treatment, sealants and Silver Diamine Fluoride applications free of charge in their school setting. Tooth BUDDS takes it one step farther by utilizing tele dentistry to connect patients with urgent decay to their dental provider for follow up treatment.



Zaila Hintsala  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade



Deegan Ortiz  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Eagle Eye - Student of the Week

Recognizing elementary students who practice good character and citizenship



# ELGIN SCHOOL Love of Reading Week

MONDAY

3/2

LORAX  
DAY



Wear a mustache or green for the trees

TUESDAY

3/3

BOOK  
CHARACTER



Dress like your favorite book character

WEDNESDAY

3/4

WACKY  
DAY



Wear your wackiest Hat or Outfit

THURSDAY

3/5

FOX IN  
SOCKS  
(OR CROCS)



Dress like a fox, wear fun socks, rock your crocs, or show us all 3!



Elgin Elementary  
School

## PREKINDER Story Time

- Join us to meet new friends, get to know our campus, and learn Kindergarten readiness skills!
- Story Time is open to students eligible to enroll in Kindergarten in Fall 2026. (Must be turning 5 by 9/1/2026)



Wednesdays at Elgin School  
8:00 AM - Flag Ceremony, Gym  
8:10-8:45 AM - Story Time & Activities, Room 14



### 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



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

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

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## ELGIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT CONFERENCES

### WEEK OF MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup> - MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

Teachers will share Google Calendar links via email to schedule appointments.

Teacher	Monday March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday March 26 <sup>th</sup>
Ortiz • Appt. Only	3:15-4:30pm	3:15-5:45pm	3:15-4:30pm	3:15-5:45pm
Graeme • Walk-ins on Wed.	3:15-5:00pm	3:15-5:00pm	3:15-5:00pm	3:15-5:00pm
Cranston • Appt. Only	3:15-4:30pm	3:15-5:45pm	3:15-4:30pm	3:15-5:45pm
Ramirez • Appt. Only	3:15-5:00pm	3:15-5:00pm	3:15-5:00pm	3:15-5:00pm

• Note that each teacher has a separate schedule, so appointments must be booked individually.  
 • Homeroom teachers will have report cards available during conferences.

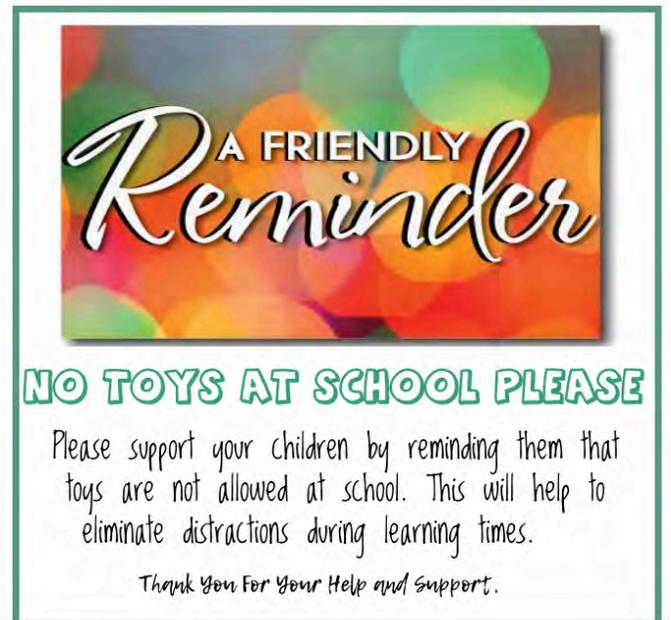
### CIMI TRIP PARENT MEETINGS

**8th Grade**  
Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm  
**Conference Room**

Mandatory for all who plan to go on this year's trip. We will be reviewing the Itinerary, packing list, and required forms.

**7th Grade**  
Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm  
**Conference Room**

Highly encouraged for those who plan to attend the trip in 2027. Will review eligibility, trip cost, and fundraising requirements.





# 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





# BROCCOLI

## FIND LOCAL BROCCOLI IN ARIZONA:

Harvest Months: **November to March**

### Farms to get the local produce:

- **Blue Sky Organic Farms:** Litchfield Park, AZ
- **Crooked Sky Farms:** Phoenix, AZ
- **Orchard Community Learning Center:** Phoenix, AZ

Connect with Local Producers!

**SCHOOL INTEREST FORM**



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



## ARIZONA HARVEST FACTS!

- Broccoli can be steamed, boiled, or roasted but to get the maximum nutrition value, the best way to enjoy it is raw.
- While green is the most common color, broccoli also comes in purple and white varieties, each with its own unique flavor profiles.
- Broccoli tends to thrive in regions with mild temperatures, adequate sunlight, and well-drained soil.
- Broccoli is a nutrient powerhouse, rich in vitamins C, K, A, folate, fiber, and antioxidants.
- Broccoli is a part of the brassica family, which also includes cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and kale
- The word broccoli comes from an Italian word *broccolo* which means "the flowering top of a cabbage".
- The florets on broccoli are buds ready to bloom. If left unharvested, broccoli will burst into a bunch of yellow flowers.



## LOCAL RECIPE: Parmesan Garlic Broccoli

Makes 6 servings: Credits as ½ cup dark green vegetable

### Ingredients

- 1.5 heads fresh broccoli
- 2 cloves fresh garlic
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil



### Directions

- Cut broccoli up into bite size pieces. Steam the broccoli for a couple of minutes so that the broccoli retains its bright green color.
- Mix together the oil, salt, Parmesan cheese, and garlic in a mixing bowl. Add the broccoli and toss all the ingredients so that they are well incorporated. Serve immediately.

## QUICK MATH: BROCCOLI



**1 pound fresh, raw broccoli as purchased (AP) yields**

**Cooked**  
trimmed florets  
= 5.5, ½ cup  
servings

**Raw**  
trimmed florets  
= 14, ½ cup  
servings

**Cooked**  
untrimmed  
(spear and floret)  
= 5, ½ cup  
servings

**Vegetable Subgroup—Dark Green**



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# Elgin School Calendar 2026-27

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

July							4
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- 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

*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

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

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