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Eagle Tales

Message from Mr. Erickson

Dear Elgin Elementary School Families,

As we enter the final month of the school year, I want to take a moment to thank you for being outstanding partners in your child's education. Our team is honored that you entrust your child to us on a daily basis and are thrilled to work with them to help ensure growth and learning every day. If you know of families looking for a wonderful school, please send them my way.

As we look forward to the end of the school year, I want to celebrate some outstanding members of our school community.

First, we are incredibly proud to recognize Anna Coleman for being named a Top 15 Finalist for Teacher of the Year by the Arizona Educational Foundation. This is a tremendous honor and a reflection of her dedication, passion, and commitment to students. We are fortunate to have her as part of our team.

We would also like to celebrate Jaimee Cass, who has been recognized as Paraprofessional of the Month by Grand Canyon University. Jaimee consistently goes above and beyond to support our students and staff, and this recognition is well deserved.

As we look back on this school year, I want to thank our entire community for embracing the Row the Boat mindset. Together, we have worked hard, supported one another, and created a positive and focused environment for our students. With just a few weeks remaining, it is important that we continue to keep our oars in the water and finish strong. Every day matters, and consistent attendance, effort, and focus will help our students end the year on a high note.

Also, I will be attending the Catalina Island Marine Institute trip with our 7th and 8th grade students the week of May 11th and will have very limited access to email. If you need anything please contact Callie Mattus at cmattus@elgink12.com. Callie has graciously agreed to be by administrative designee for the week.

Finally, please mark your calendars: the last day of school is Thursday, May 21, and students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM.

Thank you again for your partnership and for making this such a successful school year. Let's finish strong together and I hope you all have a wonderful summer!

David Erickson

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Save the Dates!

Elgin School Promotion Dates

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

Kindergarten
Wednesday, May 20th 1:30 PM

Thank you!

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

2025-2026 Volunteers

Lani Alcala
Lacey Beyer
Ben Beal
Lindsey Beal
Jessica Carter
Derrick Cass
Jaimee Cass
Steve Coleman
Carol Cutting
Daniel De La Vera
Harry Dotson
Stephanie Fennell

Tony Fennell
Sheree Gronlund
Richard Graeme
Donna Humphrey
Sarah Johnson
Jessica Krizan
Donald Mattus
Callie McNeill
Dave Naugle
Jessica Orona
Regina Padilla

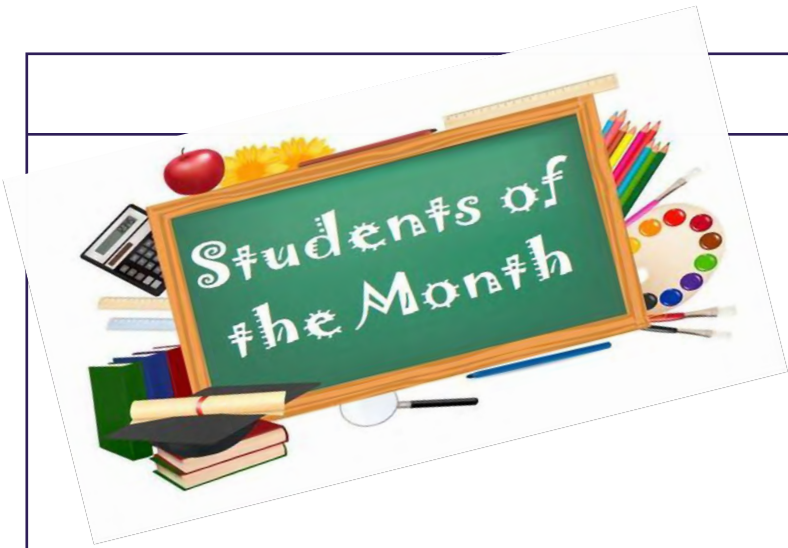
Kim Padilla
Kathe Prentice
Anne Przybyla
Allan Stephens
Lena Stephens
Brian Summerfield
Lindsay Taylor
Aaron Thomas
Megan Thomas
Brett Wagner
Nancy Webster
Kathryn Wilbur

Special Thanks

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

Patagonia Regional Times
Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office
SHIELD – Santa Cruz County
Sonoita Fairgrounds
Sonoita-Elgin Fire Department
Southern Arizona Rescue Association
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.



Jeannette Mejia Robles
5th Grade



Aaron Kalso
8th Grade

Eagle Eye - Student of the Week

Recognizing elementary students who practice good character and citizenship



Nurse's Corner



The end of the school year is closing upon us. Thank you for entrusting your child's care with me this year. I have really enjoyed seeing them, even if it may have been when they weren't feeling their best.

END 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.

SUMMER:

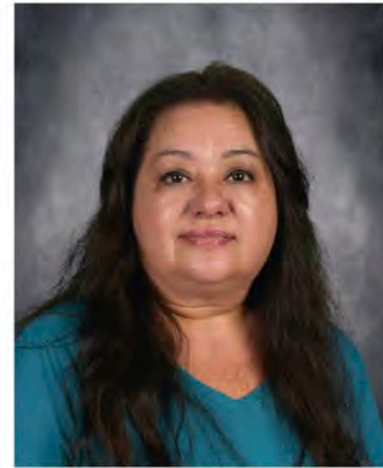
Appointments-Schedule them now

- Immunization updates for kindergarten and 6th graders
- Doctor's emergency plans (EpiPens, Asthma Inhalers and others)
- Renew prescriptions for the above so they are good for August 2026 thru May 2027
- Sports Physicals-Forms are available online
- Vision Appointments
- Dental Appointments

I will be checking in during the summer, so please email me at kprentice@elgink12.com with any questions or needs you may have.

Most of all, have a fantastic summer!





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

MISSOULA
CHILDREN'S
THEATRE

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Save the Date!



Elgin School's Missoula Children's Theatre Residency

December 7th-12th

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



Community Public Safety Day

Where: Thursday, May 7, 8:30am-11:00am

When: Elgin School's track and field

Who: EVERYONE! Families, neighbors, community members, homeschooled families, etc.

What: A great opportunity to learn from our first responders and public health professionals about the resources available in our community and how to stay safe and healthy!

State and local police, Firefighters, EMTs, US Border Patrol, airMed helicopter, AZ Rangers, county resources and more!

**FREE
EVENT**



The background of the entire page is a light blue color with a decorative border of various fruits. The fruits include whole oranges, slices of lemons and limes, a whole strawberry with green leaves, a slice of watermelon with a green rind and black seeds, a slice of kiwi with a brown skin, and a whole pineapple. The fruits are arranged in a repeating pattern around the central text box.

ELGIN SCHOOL

Meal Account End of Year Procedures

**ALL NEGATIVE BALANCES
MUST BE CLEARED BY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH .**

As we approach the end of the school year, please clear any negative balances and pay in advance if possible.

If your student is continuing at Elgin School any credit will roll over to next school year.

Refunds for any student not returning will be mailed in June.



FIND LOCAL BEANS IN ARIZONA:

2026 Producer List

BEAN TYPE	DESCRIPTION	LOCAL PRODUCERS
Mayocoba	Medium, pale yellow	Crooked Sky Farms
Pinto	Medium, speckled beige	Bonita Bean Company
Tepary (white, brown, black)	Small, high protein	Ramona Farms
Black (Tutrie)	Small, black exterior	Crooked Sky Farms
Garbanzo	Medium, round, beige	Ramona Farms



BEAN HARVEST FACTS!

- The top five beans grown in the United States are pinto beans, navy beans, black beans, red kidney beans and great northern beans.
- They come in tons of colors. Beans can be black, white, red, green, yellow, purple, and even speckled!
- They're part of the "legume" family. Beans grow in pods, just like peas. That makes them part of a plant group called legumes
- Beans and other legumes are "nitrogen-fixing" plants, putting essential nutrients back into the soil, which helps other plants grow.
- They're high in plant protein and fiber. They are also a good source of magnesium, iron, potassium and folate.
- Soaking dried beans helps them cook faster, makes them easier to digest, improves texture, boosts nutrient absorption, and removes dust or impurities.



LOCAL BEAN RECIPE:

Yield: Approximately: 20 cups cooked;
 2 oz. eq. MMA per ½ cup serving **or**
 credits as ½ cup bean/pea/legume
 vegetable sub-group
 (always refer to the nutrition label provided for the
 product or access the Food Buying Guide
 for meal component compliance)

For a delicious,
 homemade beans, follow
 this simple ingredient
 guide for any kind of dry
 bean when cooking.

On average, you'll need:

- **dried beans, 2#**
- **water, 8-10 cups**
- **garlic, 2-3 large, cloves**
- **whole onion, 1-2 medium**
- **salt, 1 tablespoon (add later)**



Sorting & Washing: Rinse beans thoroughly under
 cold water until the water runs clear to remove dirt
 and any rocks or debris.

QUICK MATH: DRY TO COOKED BEANS



1 pound as purchased dry tepary beans yields approximately	11, ½ cups cooked black beans
1 pound as purchased dry black beans yields approximately	9, ½ cups cooked black beans
1 pound as purchased dry garbanzo beans yields approximately	10, ½ cups cooked black beans



FORM

ELGIN GRAD PARADE

Monday, May 18th

8:00 AM

Elgin School

Breezeway & Courtyard

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 along the breezeway and courtyard starting at 8:00 AM. Everyone will then follow the 8th & Kinder students to the gym for Flag.

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 School Calendar 2026-27

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

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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

- Teacher & Staff In-Service
- First & Last Days
- Vacation - No School
- Special Event Release

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Sonoita School District Elgin School Summer Office Hours

May 26th - June 30th	Available by Appointment
July 1st-6th	District Closed
July 7th-16th	Available by Appointment
July 20th-23rd	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 23rd
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

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