

OCTOBER 2026

Eagle Tales

Message from Mr. Erickson

Dear Elgin Elementary School Families,

As we enter October, it is hard to believe that our first quarter of the school year is already coming to a close! The first several weeks of school have been filled with learning, growing, building relationships, and plenty of opportunities for our Eagles to Be 1% Better each day.

One of our goals this year continues to be improving student attendance. Last school year, our chronic absenteeism rate dropped to an impressive 13.79%, down from 20.54% the previous year. We are proud of that progress, but we know we can do even better.

Our goal this year is to have fewer than 10% of our students chronically absent. Regular attendance gives students the opportunity to stay connected to their teachers, classmates, and learning. Every day in the classroom matters.

As we head into the fall, please continue making school attendance a priority. Of course, we also want our students to be healthy, so if your child is sick, please keep them home until they are ready to return. When they are healthy and able to attend, we want to see our Eagles at school, ready to learn!

We are also excited to continue providing additional opportunities for our students through Friday Academy. Our next Friday Academy will be held on October 2. Friday Academy gives students additional time and support to strengthen academic skills, receive extra help, and build confidence. We appreciate the staff members who give their time to make these opportunities possible and the families who encourage their children to take advantage of them.

After a busy first quarter, our students and staff will have an opportunity to recharge during Fall Break, October 5–9. I hope you all enjoy the break, spend some quality time together, and return refreshed and ready for the next part of the school year.

When we return, second quarter begins on October 12. A new quarter is a great opportunity for a fresh start. I encourage every student to think about one thing they can improve during the second quarter. Maybe it is reading more, turning in assignments on time, asking for help, being a better friend, or simply working a little harder each day.

That's what Be 1% Better is all about. We don't have to be perfect. We simply need to look for opportunities to improve and grow.

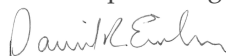
Our Row the Boat message continues to remind us that we are all part of the same team. We have made progress during the first quarter, but we are not finished. We keep moving forward together—students, teachers, staff, families, and our entire Elgin community.

As we begin the second quarter, let's continue to row the boat, be 1% better, and put our students first.

Thank you to our parents and families for your continued support and partnership. Your involvement, encouragement, and commitment to your children make a tremendous difference in their success.

We are proud of what our Eagles have accomplished so far, and we look forward to an exciting and successful second quarter!

Keep Rowing Eagles!



Daniel R. Erickson

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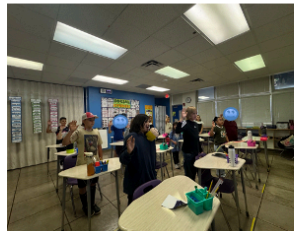
In the Spotlight

5th Grade News

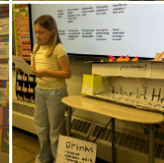
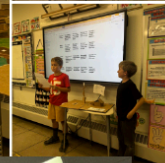
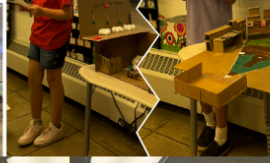
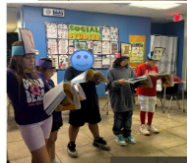
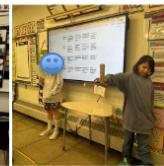
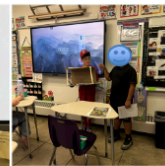
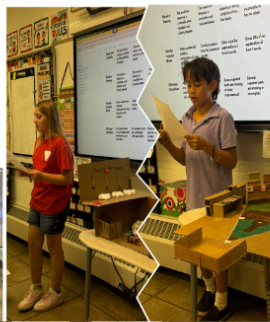
By Mrs. Gaviola

Learning, Creating and Growing Together in 5th Grade

It has been a busy and exciting first two months of school! Our class continues to practice our "Rowing the Boat" mindset and begins each day by reciting the class pledge we created together to remind us of the goals and values we share as a classroom community. During the first week of school, students also completed a team-building challenge to build the tallest tower, which encouraged communication, problem-solving, and teamwork.



Students have taken part in several meaningful projects. In the Inventors at Work Project, they designed inventions that could help people and make the world a better place, then wrote essays explaining how their inventions work and why they are helpful. This allowed them to connect their creativity with the writing skills we have been practicing in class. Students also participated in Reader's Theater and created Poetry Booklets, applying skills such as figurative language, sensory details, and expressive reading.



We have also started our D.A.R.E. classes with Deputy Lopez from the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department, where students are learning important lessons about making responsible choices, staying safe, and handling different situations they may encounter as they grow.

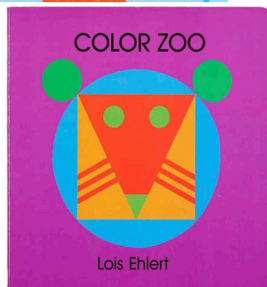
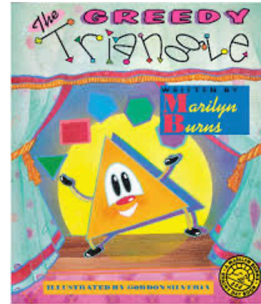
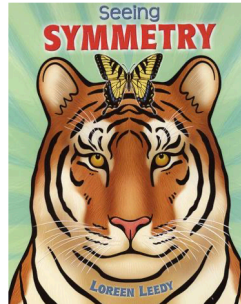
Our 4th and 5th grade students also completed a collaborative American flag mural in celebration of America's 250th anniversary. Each student contributed a meaningful piece of fabric, and all of the pieces were combined into one mural. The finished project was submitted as a single entry for the county fair.

It has been wonderful to see students learning, creating, and working together throughout the start of the school year.

Fall Festival

You're Invited! Family Fun at the Fall Festival

Mark your calendars! Our annual PTC/Title I Fall Festival is on October 29th. We will have activities inspired by math-themed books. Students can stop by the school library to read these featured titles ahead of the big day. Come enjoy art, activities, games, and treats. We can't wait to see your family there!



Elgin School PTC & Title I

FALL festival

JOIN US AS WE
"FALL INTO READING" AND HAVE A
GREAT TIME!

TREATS, GAMES, AND MUCH MORE!

Thursday **OCT 29th** 5:00-7:00 PM

Open to the Public!
We welcome all community members!

This is a family event,
NO childcare is available.
All children must be accompanied
by a responsible adult.

Elgin School
PTC Fall Festival

PIZZA

Family Meal Deal
for Oct. 29, 2026

\$15.00

1 Large Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza

Pre-Orders Due by Tuesday, 10/20
Payment Due by Thursday, 10/22

PRE-ORDER YOUR PIE HERE!

<https://forms.gle/WdvDpSCkpMTtTizaA>

Supporting Every Eagle: Special Education Services at Elgin Elementary School

By Dr. Christine Clouse

Supporting Every Eagle: Special Education Services at Elgin Elementary School

At Elgin Elementary School, special education services are designed to help students with diverse learning needs learn, grow, and reach their goals. Services are identified for each child and may include personalized instruction, speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

We use a team-based approach, working with families and specialists to support student growth and independence. We believe that families are essential partners in this journey—you know your child best. If you have concerns about your child's learning or development, we're here to help.

For more information, please contact:

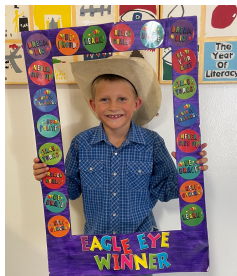
Christine Clouse
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520-455-5514 ext. 117





Eagle Eye - Student of the Week

Recognizing elementary students who practice good character and citizenship



Building Kindergarten-Ready Kids, One Story at a Time

By Dr. Christine Clouse

Developing Kindergarten Skills Through Story Time

Wednesday mornings at Elgin School are filled with stories and learning during Preschool Story Time. While children enjoy listening to a good book, they also build important skills that help prepare them for kindergarten:

- **Listening and Attention** – Listening to a story helps children focus on an activity and follow directions.
- **Language and Vocabulary** – Stories introduce children to new words, ideas, and ways to express themselves, strengthening their communication skills.
- **Early Literacy Skills** – As children explore books, they learn how print works, including how we read from left to right and top to bottom.
- **Fine Motor Skills** - Cutting, tracing, and other activities improve hand strength and eye-hand coordination.
- **Social Skills** – Story time gives children opportunities to practice sharing, taking turns, and participating in a group.

Every story is an opportunity to build skills for a successful start to kindergarten. Children who will enter kindergarten for the 2027-2028 school year are welcome to join us Wednesday mornings in the gym for flag at 7:55, followed by story time in the preschool room. Come see our campus, meet new friends, and have some fun!



**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 2027. (Must be turning 5 by 9/1/2027)*



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



PTC Newsletter

September



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a WONDERFUL start to the school year!
Here are a few updates for now.

PTC has hit the ground running and brought in \$1,768.58 in the month of August thanks to Burrito Sales, Paint and Sip Night, Banner Partnerships, and Spirit Wear.

We have 32 PTC members this year! If you still want to join- it is not too late. Please ask Ms. Paul in the front office for a form or send us an email.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the planning of Book Fair, Fall Festival, and Sunshine Committee. Whether you can help for one hour OR the whole month, please know that any and all help is appreciated!

-Lindsay Taylor, PTC President

WANNA CHAT? CONTACT US TODAY



Elginptc@elgink12.com

HAPPENING NEXT MONTH

Book Fair- 26-29 October

Fall Festival- 29 October

IMPORTANT DATES

5-7 Sept- Come support us @
Sonoita Rodeo - Dippin Dots
located on the contestant side.

9 Sept- Meeting @7:30am

FUNDRAISERS

5-7 Sept- Dippin' Dots @
Sonoita Rodeo

All Sept- Business Banner
Partnership



Thank you to
our first
Banner
Partnership
Sponsor!
Grasshopper
Landscaping
&
Maintenance

On
Thursdays
EAGLES
wear
Purple !

New Spirit wear
is for sale in the
front office. Last
year's design is
25% off



**25%
OFF**

SPONSORS

Grasshopper Landscaping & Maintenance

Interested in becoming an ELGIN School PTC Sponsor? Please contact us via email. We cannot wait to hear from you!



ELGIN SCHOOL ANIMAL RESCUE SUPPLY DRIVE



October 19th-29th

Santa Cruz Humane Society

- Dog or Cat Food
- Cat Litter
- Litter Deodorizer
- Cleaning Supplies:
Bleach, Mr. Clean, Pine
Sol, Fabuloso,
Disinfectant Laundry
Soap, Dish Soap, Hand
Soap



Tucson Wildlife Center

- Trash Bags w/Drawstrings:
13 gallon & 33 gallon
- Paper Towels
- Dawn Heavy Duty Dish Soap
- Liquid Hand Soap Refills
- Persil Free & Sensitive Liquid
Laundry Detergent
- Puppy Pads
- AA & AAA Batteries
- General Office Supplies

**Gift Card donations to Walmart, Target, Safeway,
Fry's, Family Dollar, or Dollar General are also
accepted!**

Thank you for your support!



**Contact us with any questions
mpaul@elgink12.com (520) 455-5514 X 300**



Absences must be reported to the office by the parent/guardian by **8:30 AM** if your student will be absent or tardy!

Please contact the office, and include the following information:

- Reason for absence
 - Illness – include symptoms such as fever, vomiting, etc.
 - Medical/Dental Appointments
 - Personal
- How many days student(s) will be absent
- Tardy students
 - Please notify office if a school lunch is required.
 - And provide an approximate arrival time

Absences that have not been reported will be marked as unexcused.

Contact the office to report absences or tardy via:

Phone – (520) 455-5514, ext. 300

Email – mpaul@elgink12.com

ParentVUE – via website or mobile app (see directions on page 2)

THE REAL FOOD GUIDE TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST FOR FAMILIES

Eat Real Food



School meals include whole, healthy foods that give kids the right balance of nutrients, while reducing added sugars and sodium.



Fruits

A full cup of fruit is available every day, providing nutrients that are important for kids' health, such as potassium, dietary fiber, vitamin C, and folate.



Milk

Kids and teens need the calcium, protein, and vitamin D found in milk for strong bones, teeth, and muscles.



Grains

Starting every day with whole grains gives kids and teens B vitamins, minerals, and fiber to feel fuller longer so they stay alert to concentrate at school.



Protein Foods

Some breakfast menus may offer items such as eggs, yogurt, meat, or beans. Protein foods give kids and teens many nutrients including iron, B vitamins, zinc, and magnesium.



Vegetables

Schools may offer vegetables in place of or alongside fruits to provide a variety of nutrients, textures, and flavors that children and teens enjoy.



Visit fna.usda.gov/teamnutrition for additional tips and activities.



HOW DOES SCHOOL BREAKFAST Help Families?



Fuels learning

Kids and teens can concentrate on their schoolwork better when they're not hungry. Studies show that kids do better in school when they eat breakfast.



Boosts nutrition

Studies show that kids and teens who regularly eat breakfast have higher intakes of dietary fiber, B vitamins, calcium, iron, and other nutrients and healthier growth.



Saves time

School breakfast can simplify mornings for families by offering kids and teens healthy options that fit into their schedule.

How can families help their child eat a healthy breakfast?

1

Read the menu with your child to make sure your student knows about all the foods that are included in their school breakfast.

2

Find out how your parent organization can work with school nutrition professionals to promote breakfast options at your school, such as Breakfast in the Classroom and Grab & Go Breakfast.

3

Get involved in your school wellness initiatives and learn more at fna.usda.gov/tn/wellness-policy.



The Dietary Guidelines offer recommendations for healthy eating and serve as the foundation for federal nutrition programs and policies, including school meal programs. You can explore the 2025–2030 Dietary Guidelines at RealFood.gov.

The School Breakfast Program (SBP) is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools—including charter schools—and residential child care institutions. The SBP started in 1966 as a pilot project and was made a permanent program by Congress in 1975.

Learn more at www.fna.usda.gov/sbp

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Elgin School

Donate your Arizona Tax Credit today!!

The monies received from the Extra-Curricular Tax Credit go directly to help fund student programs. Thanks to generous donations, the students of Elgin School will be able to enjoy many programs that may not have been available otherwise.



Athletics



Field Trips



Marine Biology Club

Ready to donate today? Just send in this form with your donation to:

Elgin School
Attn. Tax Credit
23 Elgin Rd
Elgin, AZ 85611

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please use my contribution for the following extracurricular activity:

Make checks payable to Elgin School. Mail or drop off this completed form with your check to Elgin School. The school staff will provide you with a receipt verifying you have contributed to an eligible fee-based extra-curricular activity.



Missoula Children's Theatre Residency

Capture your memories in this year's

Elgin Elementary School

yearbook!

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 below or:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

1. Go to treering.com/validate
2. Enter your school's passcode:
1016358278643056

Hardcover: **\$26.60**

Softcover: **\$19.46**

*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Create custom pages by: **Apr 16**



10% OFF Purchase by October 31

OCTOBER EVENTS

**FALL
BREAK**
October 5th-8th
No School

Go Pink!

**Thursday,
October 22nd**
Elgin Eagles
**Show your support,
wear your pink!**

Red Ribbon SPIRIT WEEK

OCTOBER 26-29

MONDAY,
10/26

Mummy Monday

Wear your favorite **PAJAMAS** to school!



TUESDAY,
10/27

Thriller Tuesday

Wear your brightest **NEON**!



WEDNESDAY,
10/28

Wacky Wednesday

Crazy Socks & Crazy Hair! Let's get wacky Eagles!



THURSDAY,
10/29

Trick or Treat Day

Please make sure your costume is **School Dress Code Friendly!**



Dress Code applies to all spirit days!
Please see reverse side for costume guidelines.

HALLOWEEN

At Elgin School



Please follow these guidelines for Halloween at Elgin School.

- Costumes should not prevent students from fully participating in learning activities.
- School Dress Code still applies - no spaghetti straps, appropriately covered, no open-toed shoes, etc. (Pajama pants are allowed IF part of a costume).
- **No masks or full face makeup!**
- All hair, makeup, and accessories must be done at home.
- No gory, threatening, or offensive costumes.
- Students may not carry hand-held accessories, real or pretend (wands, weapons, etc.).
- Please pack extra clothes if you think your child might need them. No clothes will be available from the nurse's office.



SAVE THE DATE!

Join us at Elgin School for a

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, November 10th

7:55 AM-1:15 PM	Normal Class Schedule
1:30-2:45 PM	Veterans Day Celebration - Gym
3:00 PM	Normal Dismissal

Save the Date!

All School Field Trip

Thursday
November 12th



Pima Air & Space Museum

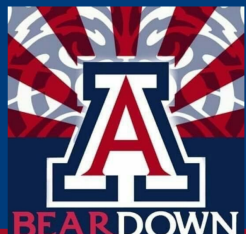
Students will need to bring a home lunch and water bottle.

Let's Go Wildcats!

ALL SCHOOL FIELD TRIP

Elgin School has been invited to watch a U of A Women's Basketball home game! The whole school will travel together to cheer on the Wildcats on Wednesday, December 9th!

Please wear UA apparel or colors!
Students will need to bring a home lunch and water bottle.



MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

A PRODUCTION OF MCT, INC.

Save the Date!

The Tortoise and the Hare

Adapted by Emily Harrison
Music by Gregory Barth
Lyrics by Gregory Barth & Emily Harrison

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Elgin School's Missoula Children's Theatre Residency

December 8th-13th

The performance will be held on Saturday, December 13th at 6:00 PM



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.

SCHOOL TIMES REMINDERS

7:30 AM

Gates Open

Supervision begins on campus
Breakfast available until 7:50 AM

7:55 AM

School Begins

Gates shut

Students arriving after this time are marked
Tardy and will need to enter through the office



Don't be late!



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