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# Ellsworth Elementary

**February 2017**

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## A Message From Principal Stimatze's Desk

Ellsworth Family and Friends,

Happy February!

With the second semester well under way, we want to thank everyone for your continued support of our students, teachers, and school as we collectively strive to provide optimal opportunities for learning each and every day. In addition, we want to also welcome our new families to Ellsworth Elementary and trust that you will find yourselves to be part of an outstanding and supportive learning community.

Ellsworth Elementary will have Kinder Round Up on February 7th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

February 16th is the District Sci-Tech Festival at the High School. On February 17th, Ellsworth will hold its annual Career Fair Day. There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day.

Our last formal Parent Teacher conferences are this month. Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 23rd until 7:00 p.m. and for Friday, February 24th until 4:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

In closing, I want to thank our families for your diligence in having your students at school on-time and well-prepared for learning each day. As always, thank you for supporting the wonderful teaching and learning taking place here at Ellsworth Elementary.

**Every Student/Every Opportunity/Every Day**

Sincerely,

Tammy Stimatze, Principal



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## Ellsworth Elementary Hours

Office Hours: 7:30am to 4:00pm

**Campus opens for students: 7:45am**

Class Hours: (Mon/Tue/Thurs/Fri) 8:15am - 3:05pm

Early Release EVERY Wednesday Hours: 8:15am - 1:35pm

Half Day Hours: 11:15am LUNCH served

WARNING BELL at 8:10 / TARDY at 8:15



**CHARACTER  
COUNTS!**



### Student Spotlight

This month we focus on:

**Fairness**

Congratulations to all the  
Students chosen for the awards  
assembly.

### Calendar

- Progress Report in Jupitergrades 2/3
- Student Council Fundraisor 2/6-10
- CMS Counselors to visit 6th Graders 2/7
- Kindergarten Roundup 6-7pm 2/7
- Spring - Bus Evacuations 2/9
- Jump Rope for Heart 2/13-17
- District SciTech Festival @ CHS 2/16
- Career Fair 2/17
- Take Flight Friday 2/17
- February Awards Assembly 2/17
- Presidents Day - No School 2/20
- Book Fair 2/22-28
- Parent Teacher Conferences 2/23-24
- Read Across America 2/27-3/3

## Happenings in the classroom.....

**Kindergarten**



*February will be full of exciting new things in Kindergarten! We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with fun academic centers in Math and studying Arizona for Arizona's Birthday. We will be learning all about the branches of the government and researching various Presidents of our country. We will also be learning about the importance of dental health and how to take care of our teeth. In FUNdations we are becoming masters on short and long vowels and continuing to add words to our sight word list. In math we are breaking down teen numbers and starting to find number partners.*

# FIRST GRADE

Hello Families!

February will be a very busy month! We will begin our projects for the sci-tech festival, be on the look out for information about what we have planned.

Valentine's parties will be fast approaching. Teachers will send out a list with the names of each student if you choose to send cards with your child.

- In Foundations we will be working on words with blends and reading sentences that contain these words.
- Students will be expected to begin reading test questions on their own about the stories we read in class. Keep reading every night!
- Students will be finding missing addends in equations in math.
- Our writing focus will be expository compositions.
- Foundations and math homework will be a similar format. Be sure to practice timed reading for 1 minute each night!
- We appreciate your support and please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns.
- Thank you for having your child in school and on time every day!



# SECOND GRADE



- This month we will begin working on our Sci-Tech Festival projects!
- In Foundations we are working on open and r-controlled syllables.
- In Reading we are working on main idea, and continue to explore informational text by comparing two texts on the same topic.
- We are working on expository writing using our Write From The Beginning curriculum.
- Our math focus is measurement and double digit subtraction with and without ungrouping.
- We have begun to send home weekly fluency passages to work on with homework.
- Please make sure your child is reading 25 minutes each night.
- We are looking forward to meeting with you all this month at Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Thank you for your continued support from home!
- As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.



- Time is flying by! We are heading into the latter part of the 3rd quarter.
- Math: The students will be exploring place value . They will brush up on their addition, subtraction, regrouping, and ungrouping skills.
- ELA: Third graders will use skills to research nonfiction and informational resources to become experts on pivotal people in American history. Students will read lots of biographies and be able to discuss important text features that assist with research.
- Social Studies: Students will learn all about famous, influential people who impacted American history during the Civil War Time Period.
- Science: Third graders will become information experts on famous inventors, and elaborate on important technology and inventions that formed modern American society.
- Thank you for your support at home. We looking forward to seeing you at conferences.

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## FOURTH GRADE

- We cannot believe how quickly this year is flying by!
- Please continue to check Jupiter Grades for grade updates, Class Dojo for behavior updates, and backpacks for important flyers.
- In math we are still working through fractions and decimals. We have been working on comparing fractions on the number line, equivalent fractions, comparing fractions with unlike denominators, relating fractions and decimals. comparing decimals, and understanding decimals that are greater than 1.
- Please continue to have students practice math facts at home.
- In ELA students will be working on analyzing first and second hand accounts in non-fiction texts. Please make sure students are completing their assigned 25 minutes of reading every night.
- In science students have been working on their pollution project. Students created a wind powered vehicle, using only a few materials. These vehicles were made to only be powered by wind :)
- We are so very excited to see everyone at conferences!
- Thank you very much for your support from home!



# Fifth GRADE



The fifth grade team would like to congratulate Rubi Armendariz for making it so far in the District Spelling Bee! Well done Rubi!

We are so excited to have Mrs. Ocegueda back. Her students really missed her and were thrilled to see her precious new baby girl.

Attention all Battle of the Books participants, our next meeting will be after school on February 6th, in Mrs. Thames' room until 4:15. Battle 2 was amazing and we can't wait to see the results after Battle 3 to see who will battle it out with the other schools in the district. Remember to save the date for April 25th for the district battle.

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## Sixth GRADE



A BIG shout out to Rylie Johnson, who placed second in our district spelling bee!!

- Students will be bringing home course selection materials from J.O. Combs Middle School. Please go over the information with your child to make class selections for next year.
- In ELA, students are continuing to work on informational text. In math, students are working with expressions and equations, as well as ratios and proportions. In Social Studies, we are working on an Ancient Egypt unit.
- Please make sure your child is reading their 25 minutes a night out of their AR books.

Sixth Grade rocks!



# Happenings in "SPECIALS" areas.....

## BAND NEWS

Band students are working hard to prepare for their next concert, which is coming up. **The Spring Concert will be on Thursday, March 7th, at 6:00 p.m.** We will again be combining with Simonton Elementary, but the concert will be at Ellsworth this time!

4th grade parents - please consider bringing your 4th grader out to one band and one orchestra concert this semester, to help them get excited about joining one of these great ensembles next fall! It's not too early to generate that enthusiasm!

Future band performance dates include:

Thursday, March 23 - District 6th grade honor band performance at Arizona Elementary Concert Festival, Arcadia H.S., Phoenix.

Thursday, May 4 - Annual Mass Band Festival - Combs High School. This involves ALL band students from all schools, and will culminate in a gala concert beginning at 6:00 p.m.



## Band

## Orchestra



Dear Ellsworth Parents,

I was so happy for the great job our orchestra students did at our last performance. We are busy working towards our next performance on May 3 at Combs High School. Some musical concepts that our Beginning Students will be working on are: Eighth Notes, Accidentals, Medley, Pinky "A," and  $\frac{3}{4}$  time signature. Advanced students will work on the following musical concepts: Slurs, Dotted Rhythms, Playing Harmonies in rounds and songs, mastery of the "C" Scale, Accidentals, and Syncopated Rhythms.

Sincerely,

Mr. Guido Lavorata,



**February is upon us so Valentine's Day cannot be far away! We will be listening and singing songs of the season in the Music room!**

**February is also the month of President's Day. Anytime of the year is a good time for Patriotic music and we will certainly be studying Patriotic songs.**

**We are also continuing to study the different families of instruments.**

## Physical Education P.E.



**Reminder: Make sure your child has shoes to wear for PE class, otherwise they won't be able to participate.**

**2016-2017 School Year Spring Soccer League**

**Meet and make new friends while learning the fundamentals of soccer. Our goal is to teach and develop player's understanding of the sport, skills, techniques, and passion for the game. See attached flyer below for more info!**





## CHARACTER COUNTS! in a Digital World **Technology**

Our students joined other students around the world in December to learn about CODING!

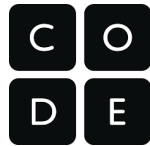
The annual HOUR OF CODE encourages students across the world to participate using hands-on and on-line activities to learn about programming. Students were able to do courses and even create their own games to share with others to play. Even our kinder kiddo's joined in!

To learn more about the Hour Of Code go to the links below.

<https://code.org/about>

To try a tutorial go to

<https://studio.code.org/>



This is your School Counselor keeping you updated on some events and plans we have coming up in the next few weeks.

First off, I would like to remind you of our Take Flight Friday on February 17, which will feature our Annual Career Fair. This is a unique opportunity for Ellsworth Students to interact with those in the community and discuss how their education led to their careers. If you would like to participate, please contact me at [\(480\) 882-3528](tel:(480)882-3528) or [etelles@jocombs.org](mailto:etelles@jocombs.org).

Also, this is an exciting time for our sixth graders as they prepare to move on from Ellsworth to the next step of their education. We went to visit the middle school a few weeks ago and they met the counselor there. The counselors will also be visiting on February 7th to discuss course selection and go over available electives and courses of study.

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## Young Coyotes

Young Coyotes daycare services children ages 3-5 years old and combines play and learning in a child centered environment where exploration is encouraged. Children are provided opportunities to grow socially, emotionally, and academically through hands on activities involving music, art, and dramatic play. Young Coyotes is taught by a veteran preschool teacher with 20 years experience in early childhood. We now have 2 schools that will have our Young Coyotes program, Ranch Elementary and Ellsworth Elementary. Young Coyotes is licensed by Department of Health Services and approved by the Department of Economic Security. Children must be potty trained and current on shots. Parents must provide a sack breakfast and/or lunch.

**Hours of Operation:** Monday- Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. not including school holidays.

**Pricing:** Parents have a choice of either full or part day options.

Half day \$20 per day or \$75 per week

Full day \$40 per day or \$150 per week



# Library



Book Fair Is coming soon. All of the excitement begins Wednesday, February 22nd and goes through Tuesday February 28th.

The hours are 7:45am-3pm on Wednesday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday. Thursday is our late night, we are open until 7pm. We are looking for volunteers, if you are interested, please contact Lora Rael at 480-882-3520.

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## Take Flight Fridays



*Take Flight Friday is scheduled on February 17th with more fun and educational activities for the students to participate in and learn from.*



# Ellsworth Cafeteria News



## LUNCH ON FEB. 23rd & 24th

Remember we still serve both Breakfast and Lunch on Parent Teacher Conference Days. We will serve them all an early lunch before we send them home.

**[CLICK HERE TO  
CHECK OUT THE MENU](#)**

**Breakfast is \$1.25**

**Lunch is \$2.65**

Reduced breakfast and  
lunch \$ .30 and \$ .40



# LOST & FOUND



Each year students misplace their backpacks, lunch pails, coats, hats, and even their glasses.

When these items are found they are placed in the 2 large cans inside the breeze way. Eye glasses will be turned into the front office.

Please remind your child to check for their belongings.

Twice a year these items will be laid out on tables for students and parents to look through. Please take the time to check for any of your child's things.

Ellsworth Elementary will donate all unclaimed items at the end of the year to local charities that can place these items in the hands of those who need them.



# Resource

# Title 1 Reading

## Art and Math

Art and math have a lot in common with each other. In fact you can see the math in art and the art in math! Patterns, shapes, geometry, symmetry, spatial reasoning,, etc... are all a part of the arts (visual art, music and dance), as they are of mathematics. Have your kids use tangrams(you can print templates online) to create beautiful art projects and ask questions such as how many squares, circles, quadrilaterals, hexagons etc. did it take to create your artwork? This great activity will keep your child engaged and learning all about math at the same time. Happy Creations!

Mrs. Telfer- K-4 Resource Room Teacher  
Mrs. Harris-4-6 Resource Room Teacher  
Mrs. Kleinknecht-Speech Pathologist

We just added some new students to our groups! We are so excited to be working with them. If your student is now receiving Title I services, you will receive a letter to let you know. We are working on finding out exactly what each student needs in reading. I love getting to know all of the students and their awesome abilities.

Keep reading with your students at home, any way you can!

Mrs. Carbajal- Title I Reading Specialist

Lcarbajal2@jocombs.org

Mrs. Berkey

## ELL

**AZELLA testing will take place this month. We are certain our students will do very well on this Spring reassessment.**

**Please encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast and get plenty of sleep every night.**

**Rock the test Ellsworth Eagles**

Mrs. Roy

Mrs. Bencomo

## ACADEMIC COACHES CORNER

In January's newsletter we talked about setting academic goals with your children. "By knowing what they want to achieve, they know what they have to concentrate on and improve. Goal setting gives students long-term vision and short-term motivation."

After you've set goals with your child you will want to check in with them and give them feedback on their progress toward their goal. Some key things to remember when discussing your child's progress with their goals are:

- **Be as specific as possible.** Tell them what they are doing well and what might need improvement.
- **The Sooner the Better.** Immediate feedback provides a larger increase in performance toward the goals.
- **Present Feedback Carefully.** The way feedback is presented can have an impact on how it is received. Staying positive and assuming progress is happening will keep them engaged.
- **Involve Learners in the Process.** Encourage your child to monitor their progress toward their goal.

*5 Research-Based Tips for Providing Students with Meaningful Feedback* by Marianne Stenger

# SAVE THE DATE!



**American  
Heart  
Association®**



## *It Takes Heart to be a Hero!*



Our school is proud to partner with the American Heart Association to help kids with special hearts! Mark your family calendars NOW for our upcoming **Jump Rope For Heart** event taking place the week of:

### **February 13-17**

You can help the American Heart Association by helping your child make a web page. It's *safe, effective and saves YOU time* by raising life-saving donations online.

Visit [www.heart.org/jump](http://www.heart.org/jump) and click on 'Students Sign Up' to get started today.

*The American Heart Association's Mission: To build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke.*



# Estudiantez AZ



*PRESENTS*

## 2016-2017 School Year Spring Soccer League

Meet and make new friends while learning the fundamentals of soccer. Our goal is to teach and develop player's understanding of the sport, skills, techniques, and passion for the game.

- ⌚ 8 WEEKS LONG STARTING FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>
- ⌚ 1 PRACTICE EVERY THURSDAY AT STUDENT'S SCHOOL (3:15-4:30pm)
- ⌚ GAMES ON SATURDAY MORNING BETWEEN 9AM-1PM AT ELLSWORTH ELEMENTARY (MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>-APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>)
- ⌚ 2 COED AGE GROUPS (1<sup>ST</sup>-3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup>)
- ⌚ Registration Days are FEB 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-6:00pm or FEB 4<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:00am at Ellsworth. Registrations after FEB 4<sup>th</sup> will be \$/U until the DEADLINE of FEB 10<sup>th</sup>

PLAYERS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (MALE/FEMALE) School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_ SHIRT SIZE: YS YM YL AS AM AL

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ESTUDANTEZ AZ SOCCER CLUB

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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT COACH CHRIS AZANGER: (480) 982-2520 or CAZANGER@JOCOMBS.ORG

**\$59 dollars**

*includes league t-shirt*

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- ⌚ WE WILL BE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER COACHES. IF YOU CHOOSE TO VOLUNTEER, YOUR CHILD'S REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE WAIVED.
- ⌚ IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND REGISTRATION DAY, CHECKS/CASH AND REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE FRONT OFFICE OF ELLSWORTH NO LATER THAN FEB 4<sup>th</sup>.



#### District News:

The 2nd Annual Combs SciTech Festival is February 16th from 6p-7p at Combs High School! Students from all schools will show off what they have learned about Science & Technology in Society. Attendees will have fun learning about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) with hands-on activities. Get your passport stamped at key locations on campus to receive your special treat! See the flyer for all the great businesses partnering with Combs.

We offer gifted blanket testing for 3rd grade students. We have scheduled testing at each elementary school the week of February 13th. 3rd grade families will receive additional details including information on how to opt out of this testing via email.

If you or someone you know is looking for a career in education, plan on joining us March 21st from 4pm -7pm at the Combs Job Fair. Open positions include cafeteria staff, bus drivers, paraprofessionals, and classroom teachers. Please see the flyer for more details.

February is National CTE Month! Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes are a great way for high school students to get a jump on their future and learn marketable skills. New classes have been added for the 2017-2018 school year! Check out the CHS course catalog for more information.

**J.O. Combs  
Unified  
School  
District**

# **Job Fair**

**Positions Available  
July 2017**

- ♦ Teachers
- ♦ Special Education Teachers
- ♦ Teacher Substitutes
- ♦ Classroom Aides/  
Paraprofessionals
- ♦ Bus Drivers
- ♦ Custodians
- ♦ Food Service
- ♦ Support Staff  
Substitutes

**Walk-Ins  
Welcome!**

**March 21, 2017  
4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**Combs High School Library  
2505 E. Germann Road  
San Tan Valley, AZ 85140**

**Apply online by March 15  
to be guaranteed an  
interview**

**[www.jocombs.org](http://www.jocombs.org)**



**Call 480-987-5305 for further  
Career Fair Information**

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## SCITECH

**FEBRUARY 16TH 6PM-7PM**

**AT COMBS HIGH SCHOOL**

**STUDENTS FROM ALL SCHOOLS WILL DEMONSTRATE  
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY IN SOCIETY**

**COMPUTER TROUBLES? COMBS IT DEPARTMENT WILL BE THERE TO CHECK IT OUT!**

### **SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES AND BOOTHS:**

AZ SciTech  
BANNER IRONWOOD RADIOLOGY  
AZ SCIENCE CENTER  
MAD SCIENCE  
AZ FARM BUREAU  
STRATUM LASER TAG

CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE-  
STEM & SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS  
RADICAL REPTILES  
GAME TRUCK  
MESA UTILITIES  
AND MORE!

