



Ellsworth Eagles Rock

# Ellsworth Elementary

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## A Message From Principal Stimatze's Desk



Ellsworth Family and Friends,

Happy New Year to all. January is always about fresh beginnings and positive change. I love the promise of the New Year and all the possibilities that exist for our children here at Ellsworth Elementary.

As we look ahead to the month of January, there are many exciting activities happening at Ellsworth Elementary. Some of these activities include:

- Report Cards Go Home on Tuesday the 10th
- Class Pictures on Thursday the 12th
- School Spelling Bee on Thursday the 12th
- NO SCHOOL on Monday the 16th in observance of MLK Day
- Ellsworth 6th Grade will be touring Combs Middle School on Tuesday the 24th
- Take Flight Friday will be on Friday the 27th

Thank You to our Ellsworth Families for your Positive Impact on our Students Academic Success. We couldn't move forward successfully in this new year of 2017 without You!

**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:

Respect

Congratulations to all the Students chosen for the awards assembly.

## Calendar

- Students Return from break 1/5
- Quarter 2 Report Cards go home 1/10
- Class Pictures 1/12
- Spelling Bee 1/12
- Battle of the Books #2 1/19
- PTO Fundraiser-Movie Night 1/20
- 6th Grade Class to visit CMS 1/24
- Orchestra Concert 6:00pm 1/26
- Take Flight Friday 1/27
- Dec/Jan Awards Assembly 1/27
- Progress Report in Jupitergrades 2/3
- CMS Counselors to visit 6th Graders 2/7
- Kindergarten Roundup 6-7pm 2/7
- Career Fair 2/17
- Take Flight Friday 2/17
- February Awards Assembly 2/17
- Parent Teacher Conferences 2/23-24
- Read Across America 2/27-3/3

## Happenings in the classroom.....

# Kindergarten



Kindergarten is ready to start an exciting 2nd semester! We will begin breakout sessions every Wednesday that will focus on phonics and reading. We will also be doing an Author Study on Mo Willems and discussing all of his silly, fun books! In FUNdations we are reading real and non sense words, and adding to our sight word list. In math we are becoming fluent in adding and subtracting within 5 and are starting to solve word problems on our own. Looking forward to a semester of growing and learning!

# FIRST GRADE

Hello and Happy New Year!

We are so excited to start our second half of the year with our first grade students! This semester we will focus on the importance of being a self starter and we hope to foster more independence as we get closer to second grade!

- In Foundations we will continue working with words that have glued sounds such as -ang , -ing, -onk, and -onk.
- 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 adding 10 to double digit numbers in math.
- Our writing focus continues to be writing to explain why.
- 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



- Happy New Year! We are excited to start the second half of Second Grade!
- We had a great time decorating Gingerbread Houses before Winter Break. Thank you for the donations!
- We hope everyone enjoyed their holiday and had a great break!
- In math we will continue our unit on Measurement and Data, and begin working on double digit subtraction with ungrouping.
- Foundations will focus on open syllable types and we will continue working on multi-syllabic words.
- This month we will begin expository writing using our Write From the Beginning curriculum.
- Please make sure your students continue reading each night to boost their reading level!
- Thank you for your continued support from home!



- We are looking forward to another wonderful quarter in third grade!
- Math: Students will explore measurement, and differentiate between U.S. customary and the metric system.
- 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 society, such as Benjamin Franklin, Martin Luther King Junior, and George Washington.
- Science: Third graders will become information experts on famous inventors, and elaborate on important technology and inventions that formed modern American society.

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# FOURTH GRADE

The 4th Grade team hopes everyone had a restful and wonderful Holiday Season.

- Please continue to check Jupiter Grades for grade updates, Class Dojo for behavior updates, and backpacks for important flyers.
- In math we will begin our journey with fractions and decimals. We will start with comparing fractions then move into 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 reading historical fiction pieces related to The Gold Rush. Students will be comparing and contrasting historical events, understanding the authors point of view in different pieces, and understanding 1st and 3rd person point of view.
- In social studies, students will be learning about Arizona Statehood. Students will be using thinking maps to help them organize the ideas and events during this time period. Students will also be learning about events that happened in Arizona during the Civil War.
- Thank you very much for your support from home!



# Fifth GRADE



Attention all Battle of the Books participants, our next meeting is after school on January 9th, in Ms. Thame's room.

Battle 2 will take place in the Multipurpose Room, on Thursday January 19th, at 1:00. Shout out to our fifth grader, Kaiden Baker, for being a multimillionaire reader. We are all so proud of him and his reading accomplishments.

Lastly, fifth grade has been having quite a few students coming to school ill, so please help with this issue. Please remember to not send your child to school until 24 hours has lapsed after they have thrown up. Your help with this issue is greatly appreciated.

# Sixth GRADE



- This year is flying by so quickly! We can't believe that half of our school year is over!
- Students will be visiting the middle school this month to prepare for their transition to the middle school. Students will be bringing information home regarding class selection and permission slips to visit the middle school. The counselors from the middle school will be visiting with students at the beginning of next month. Please be on the lookout for those!
- We are also working on a STEM project in science. Students will compete against other grades in our school. The top entries will move on to compete across the district.
- We are continuing to work hard in preparing your child for AzMerit. Students have been working hard to analyze informational text and conventions. In math, we are continuing to work on our Expressions and Equations unit. We are developing math vocabulary and using it in our math lessons daily.

Thank you for always encouraging your child to be the best that he/she can be! We feel extremely fortunate to have such a great group of sixth graders!

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

## BAND HAPPENINGS

The first concert is history, but the work isn't finished! Please make sure your child is practicing their instrument regularly (and logging their time on a Practice Record), so we can continue to improve in the New Year. Regular band classes resume immediately upon return to school in 2017!

**6th graders** - the district honor band application is out! Make sure you have turned yours in, and watch for emails with more information about this exciting ensemble.

**Don't forget Practice Records!** Every band student was given a Winter Break practice record. They are to write the number of minutes each day that they practice during break ( Practice records are to be signed by parents and turned in on January 6 - the first full band day when we return! Regular weekly practice records will resume on January 6.



## Band

## Orchestra



Dear Ellsworth Parents,

Please mark your calendars to attend our Orchestra Concert, which will be in the Ellsworth Elementary School Cafetorium on January 26 at 6:00 pm. Students from CTA will also be joining us. Please have your child at Ellsworth by 5:30 so we can tune in the orchestra room. I am very proud of the progress our orchestra students have been making, and I would love for you to come cheer these wonderful deserving students on. See you there!!!!

Sincerely,

Mr. Guido Lavorata,



**'It is a new year and we are excited in the Music room!**

**We will begin to look at our families of instruments-how they work with each other, and how they work within the framework of the band and /or the orchestra!**

**We are continuing to work with a steady beat as we work on dancing, marching, and singing in time.**

## Physical Education P.E.



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

**This month 3-6 will be learning basketball skills and K-2 will be doing rolling, throwing, and catching.**





CHARACTER COUNTS! in a Digital World

# Technology

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

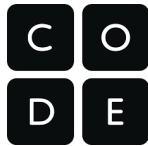
The annual HOUR OF CODE encourages students across the world to participate using hands-on and on-line activities to learn about programming. Students were able to do courses and even create their own games to share with others to play. Even our kinder kiddo's joined in!

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/>



Welcome back Ellsworth Eagles! I trust you had an awesome and restful holiday break. As your school counselor I'm excited to announce our annual career fair is coming up this February 17th. We are still looking for professionals in the community to participate. If you or anyone you know would be willing to participate please contact me at [480-882-3528](tel:480-882-3528).

In addition to teaching about college and career readiness, I will continue to teach students about the harmful effects of bullying and teasing. Parents please join my efforts and talk to your children about the harmful effects of cyber bullying. While comments made online may seem funny and harmless, they can potentially be damaging and dangerous to others. If you feel your son or daughter is a victim of bullying, please contact the front office. Have an awesome and productive 2017.

## 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 of \$150 per week



# Library



Friendly reminder if your child has an outstanding book from last year please contact me, Lora Rael at 480-882-3520. Book Fair coming soon!



## Take Flight Fridays



*Take Flight Friday will resume on January 27th with more fun and educational activities for the students to participate in and learn from.*



# Ellsworth Cafeteria News



## BREAKFAST



As the mornings get colder don't forget we have a warm breakfast in the warm cafeteria with a warm smile just for you!

Cost is \$1.25 or \$.30 for reduced



**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

As the students are coming back from a long school break it can be hard to get them back into the swing of homework and studying. Here are a 5 ways you can help your child to focus:

1. Have your child get some physical activity before sitting down to do homework.
2. Turn off the television, computers or cell phones.
3. Make a list of everything to get done and mark them off as you go.
4. To avoid talking while they are working, use signals to remind them to focus such as pointing to the paper.
5. After 10 - 20 minutes of working, have them get up and move around before working again.

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

# Title 1 Reading

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a long and restful break. Now that we are getting back into the swing of things I want to give a few tips to keep students motivated while reading:

1. Make reading part of family time; reading bedtime stories, or recipes together is an excellent way to incorporate reading into your busy day.
2. Choose books that match your child's interests. If they enjoy sports, take them to the library and get some books about sports.
3. Make sure the books are at an appropriate level for your student. Use the 5 finger rule: if they can't read 5 words on a page, it may not be a good fit.

Mrs. Carbajal  
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## ELL

### Happy New Year

Parents can help their children learn English by ensuring they're well-prepared for school in general. This can include:

- Setting aside a time and place for homework.
- Having resources available such as pens, paper, and dictionaries .
- Being willing to answer questions about homework when possible.
- Asking about their school day and listening to concerns.
- Ensuring they eat a healthy breakfast before school.
- Encouraging them to get a good night's sleep .

Mrs. Roy

Mrs. Bencomo

## ACADEMIC COACHES CORNER

With the new year comes New Year's Resolutions, exercising more, eating healthier, and saving money are all popular on our lists. Have you considered making academic goals with your children in the new year as well? Here is an excerpt from an article that discusses the importance of making academic goals with students .

"The process of setting goals allows students to choose where they want to go in school and what they want to achieve. 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.

Having sharp, clearly defined goals, which students can measure, will allow them to take pride in accomplishing those goals. They can see clear forward progress in what might have seemed a long drawn out process.

By setting goals students can:

- 1.improve their academic performance
- 2.increase their motivation to achieve
- 3.increase pride and satisfaction in performance
- 4.improve their self-confidence"

*Effective Goal Setting for Students by Dorit Sasson*



## District News:

January brings good news and great community events you won't want to miss!

Make sure to check out the special edition of the Ledger all about Combs! Keep a look out for the next publication in February.

[http://www.copperarea.com/pages/wp-content/uploads/12\\_7\\_16-Combs-Ledger.pdf](http://www.copperarea.com/pages/wp-content/uploads/12_7_16-Combs-Ledger.pdf)

Combs Middle School has several exciting new elective courses to choose from including Photography, Graphic Design, TV/Film Production, Coding, Weight Training, Teens 'n Teaching, Introduction to Medical Professions, and Leadership Development. These and other elective classes provide students an opportunity to explore future careers and interests.

Jan. 25th - Combs High School Open House at 6 pm. Parents, incoming 9th graders and new students are invited to tour the school and learn about CHS.

Feb. 1st - Combs Middle School Open House at 6 pm. Parents, incoming 7th graders and new students are invited to tour the school and learn about CMS.

Feb 7th - Kindergarten Round-up at Ellsworth, Harmon, Ranch, Simonton Elementary Schools from 6 pm - 7 pm. Parents will tour the school and talk to teachers while students enjoy activities in the classroom.

Feb 9th - Kindergarten Round-up at Combs Traditional Academy from 6 pm - 7 pm. Parents will tour the school and talk to teachers while students enjoy activities in the classroom.

Feb 16th - District SciTech Festival will be hosted at Combs High School. Students from around the district, as well as community organizations, will demonstrate Science and Technology in Society. Join us for a fun evening highlighting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) projects and professions.