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Ellsworth Elementary

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A Message From Principal Stimatze's Desk

Ellsworth Family and Friends,

Thank you for your support at Parent/Teacher conferences. We had a Great turnout not only for Conferences but for our Book Fair.

Parking Lot Safety Reminders:

The front parking lot is often crowded. In an effort to make the parking lot safer for our students, we are asking all persons coming to drop off or pick students up observe the following guidelines:

- When entering the parking lot, do not drive over cones.
- Do not leave your car parked by the curb. The pick-up/drop off lane is No Parking.
- Do Not stop in the left lane of parking lot. This is for through traffic only.
- Do Not park on the Street Where the No Parking Signs Are.
- The Bus Bay is for Busses ONLY. Unauthorized vehicles should NOT be in the bus bay .
- Use the Crosswalk when crossing in the Parking Lot.
- Do Not PASS vehicles in the School Zones.
- These Rules are for the Safety of the Students at our school.

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

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

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

Teacher Spotlight

Congratulations to Mrs. Iris Telfer our Kinder thru 4th Grade Resource Teacher. She was 1 of 4 teachers in the State of Arizona that was chosen for the Esperanza Latino Teacher Award from Chicanos Por La Causa! She was recognized for her impact on students and for future generations. We are so very Proud and Lucky to have one of the Best working with our students at Ellsworth. GREAT JOB Mrs. Telfer!!

Calendar

• PTO - Firehouse Fundraiser	10/6
• End of Quarter	10/7
• September Awards Assembly	10/7
• October Break	10/10-10/15
• Prof. Dev. No School	10/17
• Character Counts Week	10/18-10/21
• Character Counts Assembly	10/18
• Quarter 1 Report Cards	10/21
• PTO Meeting	
• Teach & Treat	10/27
• Take Flight Friday	10/28
• October Awards Assembly	10/28
• Battle #1 - Battle of The Books	11/3
• Fall Pictures Retake	11/9
• Veternas Day - No School	11/11
• Take Flight Friday	11/18
• November Awards Assembly	11/18
• Thanksgiving Break - No School	11/24-25

Happenings in the classroom.....

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is very excited for October! We will be diving into all things Fall! We will begin our Unit on Pumpkins and learn what a pumpkin needs to grow and how it grows. We will be researching bats, spiders, and owls and comparing their traits! In ELA we are almost finished learning all of our letters and will be reading CVC words soon. We will also be doing a book study on The Room on the Broom and discussing the story elements. In writing we are beginning to write sentences and labeling our pictures. We are mastering numbers 1-10 in math and during our pumpkin Unit we will get to count pumpkin seeds and create the number 10 in all different ways. Looking forward to a fun filled month!

FIRST GRADE

- Thank you for attending Parent Teacher Conferences!! It was so great to meet with all of you!
- We have been reading non fiction stories and finding amazing facts about animals. We have started reading and writing words with digraphs in Fundations. The students are bringing home trick word flashcards to practice as well. Math has been all about subtracting and writing subtraction equations. Keep up the math facts practice at home!
- Homework consists of a Book-In-A-Bag, a math page, and Fundations dictation page. Please be sure your child is reading for 15 minutes every night!

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

- It was great to meet with you at Parent/Teacher Conferences!
- Math : We are wrapping up Unit 1 and using strategies learned to help us add and subtract within 20 and apply those skills to solve different types of word problems.
- Fundations: We have covered concepts on closed syllables, glued sounds, as well as closed syllable exceptions.
- Writing: We are using our Write From the Beginning and Beyond curriculum to help us write a 5- sentence paragraph.
- Reading: We are exploring both fiction and informational texts. Main idea, supporting details, and context clues are some concepts that have been covered.
- We are looking forward to another great month in 2nd grade!
- Thank you for your continued support from home!

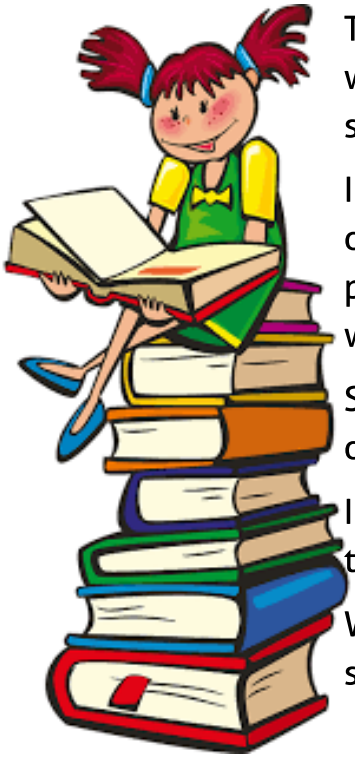
THIRD GRADE

- It was so much fun meeting with families during Parent Teacher Conferences! We appreciate all of your support to help students be successful.
- Math: Our first unit is coming to a close, and now we will use our strategies to multiply and divide in the world of word problems. Students will explore vocabulary and operations to tackle information in word problems.
- ELA: Third grade is pulling in a lot of nonfiction resources to make text-to-self, text-to-text, and text-to-word connections. We will apply our reading and writing strategies across disciplines.
- Social Studies: We are diving into informational text to explore a variety of social issues. Students will become advocates with their new knowledge of issues in the community and around the world.
- Science: We are excited to become scientists and use the inquiry method to explore real life problems and ask higher-level questions.

FOURTH GRADE

- Thank you to all of the families that attended Parent/Teacher conferences. We loved meeting with you !
- Thanks for all of the support in our APEX Fun Run, our kids loved building community and working as an Ellsworth team.
- Reading: We are going to be reading folktales and using the folktales to identify narrative elements, make inferences, compare and contrast characters from different stories, and working on vocabulary. Students will also be working on a readers theater.
- Social Studies: Students will be working on understanding Arizona's history and the changes that have happened.
- Math: Students have worked so hard on using models to help the solve one-digit by two-digit multiplication and two- digit by two-digit multiplication.
- Thank you for your continued support from home!

Fifth GRADE



Thank you to all our parents who attended Parent Teacher Conferences. It was a complete success and we loved being able to meet so many of our students' families.

In reading we just finished comparing and contrasted and started themes of literature. Students will be identifying the different themes within poetry, fiction and nonfiction passages, while also practicing summarizing what they read.

Students are having a great time learning about our different states and our solar system.

In math we just finished up Unit 1 with fractions and will now be advancing to decimals.

We have some engaging and exciting activities coming up to enrich our students learning.

Sixth GRADE

In ELA, students are working on reviewing theme and understanding point of view. We are enjoying our novel study of "Because of Mr. Terupt". Students worked extremely hard on their inanimate objects essays and are proudly displaying them in our hallway.

In math, we have finished up reviewing of fifth grade standards and have started talking about unit rate. We have learned how to fin d the unit rate and graph this information on a coordinate plane. In the next couple of weeks, we will be learning about proportions and solving proportions utilizing factor puzzles.

Students are having a great time learning about science in Ms. Cramer's class. We finished up our social studies unit on Neolithic and Paleolithic history and are now working on converting measurements using the metric system.

As always, the sixth grade team appreciates your support! We enjoyed meeting with you at Parent Teacher Conferences!

Happenings in "SPECIALS" areas.....

Band

This month's focus in all Band classes is PRACTICE RECORDS!!!

Every band student is given a blank practice record each Friday. They are to write the number of minutes each day that they practice in that week (starting on Friday). Practice records are to be signed by parents and turned in on the following Friday.

The expected practice time is 100 minutes per week, as it fits the student's schedule. Treat practice time as regular homework, and there won't be any problem fulfilling this expectation!

Please be aware: ***There WILL be a practice record to fill out during fall break.*** It will be a slightly different format, and the students will bring it home on October 7.

Orchestra

Beginning Orchestra Students: are becoming more proficient at moving and holding their bows while learning to read music without having to write letter names over their notes.
Advanced Orchestra Students: Are becoming more proficient at playing Dotted Quarter Note/Eighth Note (Hiccup) Rhythms, and Quarter Note/Two Eighth Notes (Shuffle) Rhythms. Many advanced songs require this ability, and so we are practicing scales, and songs that include these rhythm patterns.

Music

October- We are having fun in the Music room as we sing songs about the new season!

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

Not only are we having a ghostly good time in Music, we are already preparing to celebrate our Veterans as Veterans Day is right around the corner!

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 we'll be getting to know each other through ice breakers and cooperative games.

CHARACTER COUNTS! in a Digital World

Technology

Kindergarten - 6th grade students are now using their Google Classroom accounts. (Elementary students do NOT have email) To learn more about what Google Classroom is visit:
https://goo.gl/8nbBV6

Kinder kids are doing great learning to log onto the computers. It has been a challenge but many have mastered this skill already! You can help your child at home by following the directions HERE

https://goo.gl/Rhnc7a

REMINDER: You need to be practicing your keyboarding skills at home.

C O
D E

School Counselor SPOTLIGHT

Our initiative to promote anti-bullying awareness, and encourage good character has been implemented. Our Character Cash program encourages outstanding citizenship, trustworthiness, responsibility, respect, fairness and caring. Our main goal is to reward those students by recognizing their good character.

Once students have modeled good character, they will receive Character Cash and redeem their cash at our Eagles Character Counts Store where they can purchase items of interest. Examples include; free pizza, ice cream cone coupons, meals with staff, pencils, gift certificates, toys, books, school supplies, electronics and bikes .

Although we have been generously supported by our PTO, we are still in need of additional items. Your kind donation large or small will positively improve the school climate and academic success.
Thank You - Elfida Telles

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

Scholastic Book Orders:

The Book Fair is now over. If you were unable to visit and would like to purchase some books please contact your students teacher for information.

Also a friendly reminder if your child has an outstanding book from last year please contact me Lora Rael at 480-882-3520

Take Flight Fridays

October 28th marks another Take Flight Friday at Ellsworth. With the Presidential election right around the corner, students will be learning about the process of electing a United States President, using Thinking Maps to share the most important qualities of a President and then participating in a mock vote of picking the next United States President.

Students will also get creative by designing a badge that says: I Voted Today and/or creating a Presidential Rap Song.

News From Ellsworth Cafeteria

Remember all families need a ***NEW*** Free/Reduced lunch application submitted each year. Please make sure you have one submitted for the school year 2016/2017 by the end of August. Fill it out on line at jocombs.org under Departments/Food service.

CHECK OUT THE MENU

Please Note the Price has Changed for Lunch this year

Breakfast is $1.25

Lunch is $2.65

Reduced breakfast and lunch continues to be

$ .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

Many children would prefer to play on the computer than to practice math with flash cards or worksheets.

Here are a few websites were students can practice math skills from grades K - 6th.

www.coolmath-games.com
www.mathplayground.com
www.funbrain.com
www.arcademics.com/games
www.abcya.com
Multplication facts www.hoodamath.com

Mrs. Telfer- K-4 Resource Room Teacher
Mrs. Harris-5-6 Resource Room Teacher

Title 1 Reading

We have really started to dive into reading now that we have our procedures down! The students work on their sight words every day. Their goal this year is to become fluent and accurate readers. If you would like a copy of the sight words they are working on, please let me know.

Mrs. Carbajal

lcarbajal2@jocombs.org

ELL

We're off to a great start this year! It's been wonderful seeing our returning students and meeting our new friends. We've hit the ground running with AZELLA skills/standards. We look forward to a Fall filled with learning!

Es un gran inicio a este año escolar! Ha sido maravilloso ver a nuestros estudiantes que regresan y a nuestros nuevos amigos . Empezamos el año con habilidades/estándares de AZELLA . Esperamos un otoño lleno de aprendizaje!

Mrs. Bencomo

Mrs. Roy

ACADEMIC COACHES CORNER

If you are looking for some fun and educational games to practice math and reading concepts, here is a great website to use at home with students of all ages.

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/

If you have any questions about the math or science activities contact Christine Murphy at cmurphy@jocombs.org.

If you have any questions about the language or social studies activities contact Ayn Kelly-Harris at akelly-harris@jocombs.org.

ELLSWORTH PTO

Your PTO is in need of two volunteers to help fill in vacancies in our governing board.

No experience is necessary!

Secretary

- Main Responsibilities: Taking notes at the monthly general meeting and handing out staff birthdays cards.

Vice-President

- Main Responsibilities: Handling t-shirt / water bottle sales and restock and assisting President as needed.

If you are interested in working with a welcoming group of parents that strives to make our school a great place to learn, please contact Jennie McGuire at Azred15@gmail.com.

Please note, that without a fully functioning board, the district will not allow Ellsworth PTO to operate. This would mean a substantial loss of extra funding that our school thrives on as well as community events.

Please consider helping out!

Dates To Remember

- **Oct 5th (Wed)** Firehouse Subs Fundraiser. Tell them your from Ellsworth!!
- **Oct 7th (Fri)** Classroom BoxTop deadline.
- **Oct 21st (Fri)** Movie Night in the MPR. 5:30-8pm
- **Oct 25th (Tues)** General Monthly Meeting in the library. 4:30-5:15
- **Nov 4th (Fri)** Pastries With Parents in the MPR. 7-8am

BOX TOPS EDUCATION **EARN CA$H** FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL!

The 1st quarter's boxtop contest is almost over!

Which class will earn a pizza party for the most BoxTops?

Deadline to turn them in is October 7th!

Winning class will be announced after returning from Fall Break.