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A Message From Principal Stimatze's Desk



Ellsworth Family and Friends,

Welcome to November. It is a wonderful time to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. I am certainly thankful for the many blessings in my life, including working with the amazing children, parents, teachers, and staff at Ellsworth Elementary School.

Ellsworth children were extremely generous during the Food Drive in October. Over 500 items were collected and donated to the District Food Bank. A big THANK YOU goes out to all those who purchased Balloons and wore pink/white for our annual Pink Out Picture.

November 10th @ 1:30 is our Veterans Day program honoring all those who have served our wonderful country.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Turkey Day and for those of you that brave the shopping on Black Friday: Good luck and Have Fun!!

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



CHARACTER COUNTS!



Student Spotlight

This month we focus on:

Citizenship

Congratulations to all the Students chosen for the awards assembly.

Calendar

- Battle #1 - Battle of The Books 11/3
- Fall Pictures - Retake 11/9
- Governing Board Meeting (CMS) 11/9
- Veterans Day Assembly (1:30pm) 11/10
- Veterans Day - No School 11/11
- Progress Report in Jupitergrades 11/16
- Take Flight Friday 11/18
- November Awards Assembly 11/18
- Thanksgiving Break - No School 11/24-25
- Ellsworth Band Concert 12/8
- Governing Board Meeting (CMS) 12/14
- Winter Break (No School) 12/21-1/4

Happenings in the classroom.....

Kindergarten



Kindergarten is ready for a fun filled November! We will be finishing our Unit on Pumpkins and diving into learning about Veterans Day and what it means to be a hero. We will also be starting our Unit on Thanksgiving history and the First Thanksgiving. Students will learn what tradition means, and will have the chance to share their own family traditions with the class. In ELA we are starting to read CVC words and are up to 20 sight words in their enrichment class. In math we are beginning to create our own equations for numbers 1-10. Looking forward to a month of learning and growing!



FIRST GRADE



- Thank you to all parents who donated supplies, pumpkins, and candy for our class! We appreciate all you do!
- In Foundations we are learning about bonus letters and glued sounds. Please continue to review trick words with your child each night. Reading will consist of more non-fiction stories focusing on people and friends. In math we are continuing to work on finding unknown partners in an equation.
- Homework consists of a Book-In-A-Bag, a math page, and Foundations 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



- A big thank you to parents who donated candy for our Teach-N-Treat!
- It was great to see all of you at Teach-N-Treat. The students' math projects turned out great!
- Math : We are diving into Unit 2 to gain a better understanding of place value. This will help us when it comes time in the unit to add 2 digit numbers.
- Foundations: We have wrapped up Unit 4, which covers suffixes. We learned all about -s,-es,-ing,-ed,-er, and -est suffixes.
- Writing: We are using our Write From the Beginning and Beyond curriculum to help us write a 5- sentence paragraph. We have also learned a lot about contractions!
- Reading: We are exploring both fiction and informational texts. We will be focusing on cause/effect, and continue to work on main idea and supporting details.
- We have some exciting events coming up in November.. stay tuned!
- Thank you for your continued support from home!





- Second Quarter is flying by! Thank you for continuing to check Jupiter Grades and checking in with your child's teachers as progress reports come out this month.
- Math: We are in the wonderful world of word problems, and applying our knowledge of mathematical operations to puzzling situations. Third graders are using clues and strategies to navigate through two-step word problems.
- ELA: Our fiction unit is in full swing. Third graders will classify literature by types of fiction after analyzing their characteristics.
- Social Studies: As Thanksgiving approaches, we are identifying the explorers who helped form the world as we know it. Students will use information and research to help them learn about the original Thanksgiving and important explorers, as well as learn mapping skills.
- Science: Students will examine the many interesting dynamics of light and sound.

Thank you to the Members of the Kiwanis Club of Queen Creek who recently distributed "free dictionaries" to all the 3rd graders at our school. Kiwanis will distribute over 3000 "free dictionaries" to all area 3rd graders.

FOURTH GRADE

- Time sure does fly when you are having fun! We cannot believe that the 2nd Quarter is going by so quickly!
- Please continue to check Jupiter Grades for grade updates, Class Dojo for behavior updates, and backpacks for important flyers.
- In math we are continuing working on multi-digit multiplication, multi-digit division, an order of operations. Please continue working on math facts at home.
- In ELA, students will be working on reading literature and reading informational text associated with inventors and inventions. Students will also be working on test taking strategies to help better understand longer texts.
- In science, students will be working on scientific method and magnetism. If you have any informational books at home that have to do with magnetism or magnets, please send them in.
- Thank you very much for your support from home!





Fifth GRADE



November is upon us and we have a lot going on in fifth grade. In math we will be multiplying and dividing fractions, while incorporating pies for Thanksgiving.

In reading students will be analyzing events from different perspectives, as well as describing how a narrator's point of view influences an event.

We are looking forward to Thanksgiving and doing many fun and engaging activities.

Sixth GRADE



In ELA, students are working on writing summaries based on informational text. We are also working on author's purpose to be able to decipher if texts are written for pleasure, information, or persuasion.

In math, we have finished up our unit rate and ratio unit. We have started working on area of rectangles, triangles, trapezoids, parallelograms, complex figures, and regular polygons. We completed our Teach and Treat project, where we constructed the blueprint of a haunted house and had to tell the area and perimeter of each room. We would also like to thank you for all of the donations that you send in for our Fall Ratio Activity Project.

In science, students have been working on the Influential Scientist Biography Scrapbook Project. Please help your student to remember all of the important due dates and help them to make sure their assignments get completed.

As always, the sixth grade team appreciates your support!



Happenings in "SPECIALS" areas.....

IT'S ALMOST CONCERT TIME!

Now that the 2nd quarter is rolling, the band students are preparing for their first concert of the year! The Ellsworth band students will be combining with Simonton Elementary for a concert on Thursday, December 8, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This concert will be at Simonton, and the two groups together will make an awesome band! Mark your calendars!

BAND PARENTS: Band students will need to arrive about an hour early, so the 2 groups can rehearse together before performing. Please plan for this well in advance. We look forward to a great audience on December 8!

Don't forget 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.



Band

Orchestra



Beginning Orchestra Students: are learning to play "E and F#" on the "D String" while "Tunneling:" pressing down F#, arching fingers while playing "A ." "Tunneling" is an advanced concept that is necessary for playing more difficult music. We are also learning to distinguish and playing Eighth Notes in groups of "2" and in "4."

Advanced Orchestra Students: are learning to play "Tied Notes," "Slurs," "C#" and "C Natural," "Two Octave G Scale and Arpeggio," Viola, Cello and Bass are required to "Shift" while the Violins learn to play on their "High E String."

Music

It is November and we love our Veterans! The Music room is filled with Patriotic music as we prepare to celebrate Veterans Day on Thursday, November 10.

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

We are also extremely thankful this time of year as songs of the season fill the Music room!



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

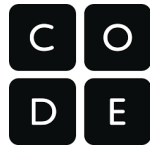
Kindergarten - 6th grade students are now using their Google Classroom accounts. (Elementary students do NOT have email) To learn more about what Google Classroom is visit:

<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.



Hello Ellsworth Parents, I'm your school Counselor Elfida Telles, updating you on our progress this year. Our Character Counts events last week was a huge success for our students as they got to show off their talents while learning about good character. The holiday season begins this week and I'd like to remind you about our food drive. We've had more than 500 items donated so far and if you'd like to donate more please drop your food donations by the office. Also, if you know a family in need or, if you could use a little help with the holiday season please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at 480-882-3528. Our Combs Community food bank has been working hard to help families have a wonderful holiday season. Thank you and Happy Hollidays - 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



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

Quick Note from the Health Office:

In need of clothes for students that have small accidents on campus K-2nd grade. Small/Medium (4/5-6/7-8/9) , shorts, t-shirts, pants. Thanks!

Take Flight Fridays



This month our Take Flight Friday's Focus will be about honoring the Veterans and those who are still serving our Country. Ellsworth Students will be working on the parts of a friendly letter (heading, greeting, body, closing and signature) while writing to each of the Military branches thanking those who are serving for keeping America safe and to let them know how proud we are of them. K-2nd grade students will be coloring the pictures to go with the letters. The Goal is to send each branch of the Military 75 to 100 letters from Ellsworths students and to make those who read the letters smile.

Ellsworth Cafeteria News

If a student does not have any lunch money they will be given a courtesy sack lunch which includes cheese sandwich, milk, and fruit. Please try to stay on top of your students account so we only have to use these once in a while for emergency only. The cost of these courtesy meals can really add up. Please be aware of the money on your child's account. If you have question please call the kitchen at 480-882-3520 and I will be happy to tell you your students account balance.



Breakfast is \$1.25
Lunch is \$2.65

Reduced breakfast and lunch
continues to be
\$.30 and \$.40



CHECK OUT THE MENU

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

Our focus this month will be on reading. As parents we often ask how can we best assist our children at home with reading here are just a few questions which you can ask your child to assess their understanding of reading concepts.

Questions to ask before reading:

What do you think the book is about?

What do you want to learn?

Questions to ask during reading:

When you were reading this part, what were you picturing in your head?

Questions to ask after reading:

Describe the setting of the story.

Describe how a character changed throughout the book.

HAPPY READING

Mrs. Telfer- K-4 Resource Room Teacher

Mrs. Harris-5-6 Resource Room Teacher

Mrs. Kleinknecht-Speech Pathologist

Title 1 Reading

Our students are becoming quite the readers this year. I am proud of the progress each has made during this first quarter. I know they will continue to learn and grow, as will I. Feel free to contact me with any concerns you have for your student and if you would like a list of sight words we are working on in class.

Mrs. Carbajal

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Happy November

A successful Quarter 1 is in the books. We finished strong with practicing reading comprehension strategies, fluency, and writing.

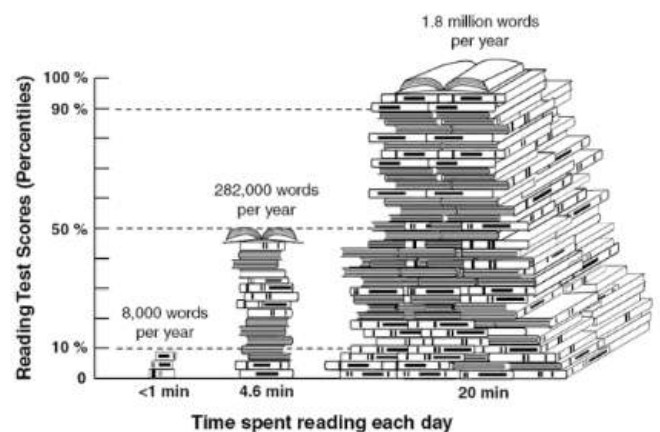
Excited about the continued learning ahead.

Mrs. Bencomo

Mrs. Roy

ACADEMIC COACHES CORNER

Most teachers have an assigned number of minutes for Reading Homework each night. This is because Teachers know how important daily reading is to the academic success of children. Although it doesn't seem like a lot, even missing half of that reading time can make a significant impact on Reading Achievement. You can see by the graphic below the difference it becomes over time. If nothing else, please encourage your child to read every night!





District News:

J.O. Combs currently has open positions for Paraprofessionals! Paraprofessionals work with certified teachers to support student instruction inside and outside of the classroom. Qualified applicants must have an Associate's degree or higher OR completed two years of study (equaling 60 or more credit hours) from an accredited institution of higher education OR obtained a passing score on one of the Arizona Department of Education paraprofessional approved assessments required. Visit www.jocombs.org under Employment to apply today!

Don't forget to vote on November 8th! Several of our schools are polling sites including Ranch, Simonton, Harmon and Combs Middle School. If you have an Early Ballot you haven't mailed in, you can drop it off at any polling site in Pinal County. Exercise your right to Vote!

Join us November 12th for the Classics & Customs Car Show and Toy Drive at Combs High School from 11am - 3pm. The toy drive, sponsored by the Combs Education Foundation, benefits Combs students and families during the holiday season. The event is free and is sure to be a fun family day!

Community Education News:

Winter Camp is just around the corner and registration is now open! Students ages 3-12 have fun with friends and enjoy a variety of activities like the new "Makers Space" and science projects. Register online at www.jocombs.org under the Community Education tab.

See Attached Flyers!



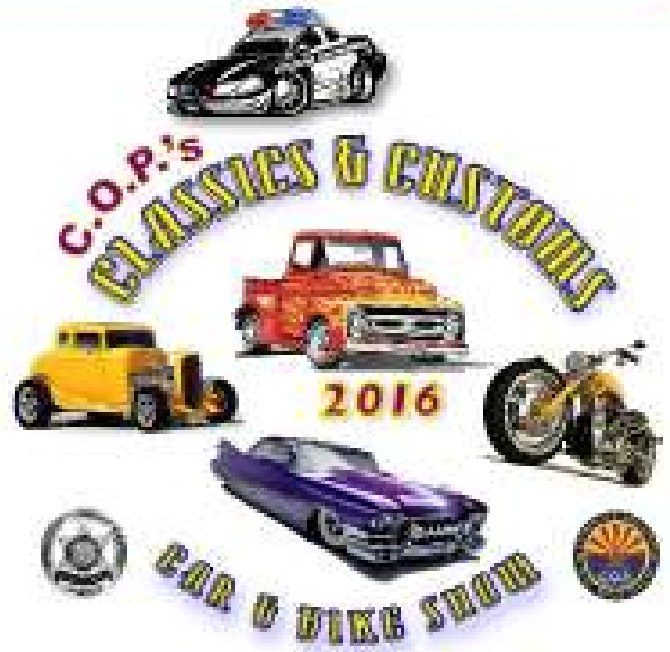
DRIVE FOR TOYS

Benefit for ...

Combs
Education Foundation



Saturday
NOVEMBER 12, 2016
COMBS HIGH SCHOOL*
2505 E. Germann Road,
San Tan Valley, Arizona
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

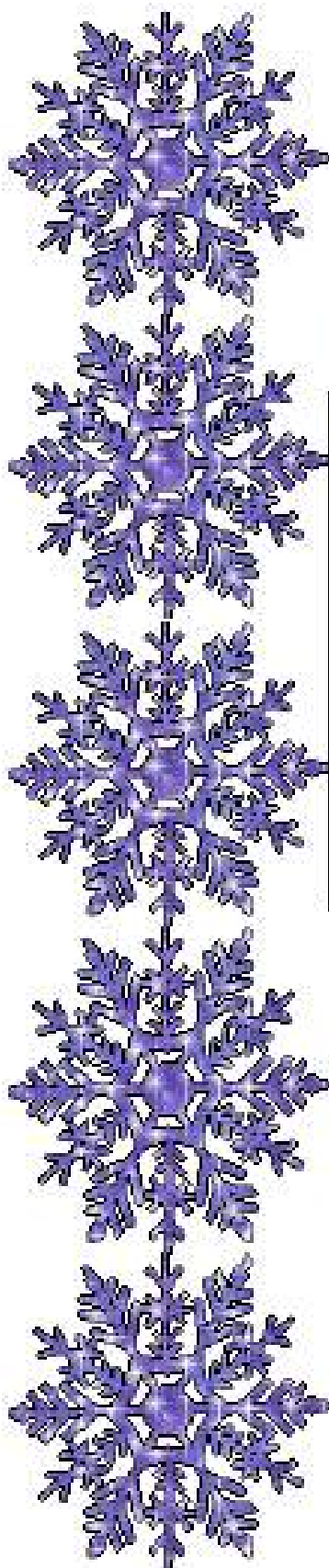


PLEASE BRING A NEW TOY SO THAT LESS FORTUNATE KIDS MAY ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS



The Combs Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports the students, teachers, and families of the J.O. Combs Unified School District. The main goal is to promote the academic success of students; however, we also provide support to families in the form of a food and clothing bank, school supplies, and holiday help. The toys will be distributed to J.O. Combs families who have been vetted by the school social workers and counselors as in need of extra assistance during the holidays.

If you are interested in Vendor space at the 2016 4th Annual C.O.P.'S Classics and Customs Car & Bike Show or want more info please contact Doug Horner at dhorne4589@gmail.com, 480-204-6201 or Jeffrey A. Kramer at marketingpro@cox.net, 480-250-4445.



*Combs Kidz
Winter Break Camp
at
Ellsworth Elementary*

We look forward to a fun-filled Camp on the following dates:

Wednesday, Dec. 21
Thursday, Dec. 22
Tuesday, Dec. 27
Wednesday, Dec. 28
Thursday, Dec. 29
Friday, Dec. 30
Tuesday, Jan. 3
Wednesday, Jan. 4

- \$30/full day or \$15/half day.
- 20% Sibling & Employee discount.
- DES payments are accepted.
- Register online by Dec. 16.
- www.jocombs.org website, please choose the "Community Education" tab at the top.
- For more information contact Tracie at (480) 987-5310 in Community Ed