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Ellsworth Elementary

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A Message From Principal Stimatze's Desk



Ellsworth Families:

It is hard to believe that we have so little time left in the school year. It's inspiring to see how far the students have grown academically, socially and emotionally.

May 1st – 5th we will celebrate our teachers at Ellsworth Elementary during Teacher Appreciation Week. I must admit we have the BEST teachers in the state of Arizona at Ellsworth! Please feel free to show your appreciation to our teachers anyway you can. It has been a fantastic year! I am so grateful for the many hours they put into helping our students succeed.

I personally want to say "Thank You" for the 11 Wonderful years you have allowed me to be Principal at Ellsworth. I am going to cherish each and every memory that I have made with the students, staff and the community. I wish only the best for Ellsworth Elementary.

Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle!

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.

Calendar

- Principals Day 5/1
- Teacher Appreciation Week - 5/1- 5/5
- Orchestra Concert @ CHS 5/3
- Battle of the Books (Regional Battle) 5/3
- Band Concert @ CHS 5/4
- Picture Order (Proofs) Due 5/4
- 6th Grade Field Trip 5/8
- Instrument Petting Zoo 5/9
- Governing Board Meeting @ CMS 5/10
- 2nd Grade Field Trip 5/11
- Multicultural Night 5/11
- Talent Show @ 1:30pm 5/12
- Kindergarten Celebration @ 6pm 5/16
- Kindergarten Waterday 5/17
- Awards Assembly 5/19
- Water Day 1st-6th Grade 5/22
- Yearbook Distribution 5/22
- Last Day of School (early release) 5/23

Happenings in the classroom.....

Kindergarten



We can't believe it is already May! Kindergarten will be very busy preparing for our End of the Year Celebration. We will perform for the school and our families. We will also be having a Kindergarten Water Day with fun stations and water activities. We will be studying magnets and finishing our year with a Unit on Ocean Animals. We are becoming fluent readers and use our paper books to practice reading independently. In math, we are beginning to break down even larger story problems and using our number partners to solve them. We have so much to look forward in our last month of Kindergarten!

FIRST GRADE

A big THANK YOU to all of the parents who volunteered their time for our field trip! We couldn't have done it without you! This last month brings excitement with all of the end of the year events! Please remind your child that although super fun, it's still a month of learning and classroom rules and consequences are still in place. We appreciate all of your support!

- In Foundations we will be working with multi-syllabic words.
- Students will read about Egypt!
- Students will be learning double digit adding and subtracting in math.
- Our writing focus will be writing to report information.
- Pyramid projects will be due **May 9th!**
- Thank you for having your child in school and on time every day!
- Last day of school is May 23rd with 12:00pm dismissal!!



SECOND GRADE



A huge THANK YOU for the incredible support that we have received every step of the way this year. We have such amazing families!

*In Foundations, we are learning more about vowel teams and double vowel syllables.

*In math, we are finishing graphs and will be starting on arrays in order to prepare them for next year.

*In reading, we are learning to use context clues to determine meaning of text. We also will be learning how to read maps as we prepare for Multicultural Night on May 11th. It will be an exciting event, and we hope everyone can make it!

*Galileo testing begins next week. Please make sure your child is well rested and ready to show what they know!

*The field trip is scheduled for May 11th, permission slips and money must be turned in no later than May 3rd.

Thank you for all you do!

The 2nd Grade Team



Wow, what a year! To better state that- what a GREAT year! We have covered a lot of material and participated in many fun and exciting projects. We started to develop skills needed for the fourth grade. We made many new friends along the way, too.

Each of your children has brought such joy and happiness to our 3rd Grade. We were so fortunate to have such a wonderful group of children this past year. This school year has been very positive and rewarding.

Thank you so much for all of your support, cooperation, donations, and volunteer efforts. We appreciate you so much!

FOURTH GRADE



We want to thank all the parents who volunteered on our field trip! We had so much so fun mining for gold and learning about the history of Arizona's mines. Please continue to check Jupiter Grades for grade updates, Class Dojo for behavior, and backpacks for important flyers. Students have been working SO hard on AIMS and AZ Merit testing, we will be testing through the end of April. Best of luck to all of our students we know you will do GREAT! Thank you for all your continued support at home.



Fifth GRADE



The fifth grade learned so much at the S.T.E.M. lesson at Skateland that tied into what we've been discussing in Science, and even though many fell, it was a very fun trip and good memory for all. Thank you to those parents that contributed donations toward the cost for other students unable to pay. In addition, thank you to all of the many chaperones that came and helped. Your assistance and patience during the lockdown situation was especially appreciated. We are approaching fourth quarter Galileo testing soon, so we are all excited to see how much students will show what they've learned. Attendance is still very important even at this late juncture, so please try to not pick up your child early if it can be avoided. Tardiness is still a problem too, along with unexcused absences, so please try to help us with this issue as well. Multi-cultural Night is coming up on Thursday, May 11th, from 5:30-7 in the multi-purpose room. Students have been working hard on their state reports/projects. Some students are in desperate need of starting still, two weeks in. We are all excited to see the presentations. Don't miss it! It's always a fun event. Lastly, please make sure you are talking with your child about meeting their fourth grade A.R. goal soon. There will be a reward/celebration at the end of the school year for those students that have met their goal. Students should be reading at least 25 minutes a night, Monday through Thursday. Congratulations to our many new fifth grade Reading Millionaires! Keep up the good reading!

Sixth GRADE



- In Reading, students are finishing their Poetry Unit. They have been reading works from Edgar Allan Poe. Students are enjoying reading and analyzing "The Raven".
- In math, students are finishing up the last unit in our textbook, Ratios and Proportions. We will be using what we have learned during our laser tag experience on May 8.
- In Social Studies and Writing, students are working hard on their Country Reports. We look forward to seeing the amazing presentations on Multicultural Night!
- We are excited to welcome Mr. Headrick to the sixth grade team! Mr. Headrick will be teaching science for the remainder of the school year. He can be reached at [**jheadrick@jocombs.org**](mailto:jheadrick@jocombs.org).
- Students have been studying pollution and its relation to climate change and natural disasters in Science. They also participated in an experiment to see if Mentos' reaction with diet versus regular cola would produce a higher soda geyser and were able to write a reflection on their observations.
- We are excited for our Sixth Graders to move on to the middle school. They have learned so much and worked so hard! We are proud to have been their teachers and wish them the very best in their future endeavors! Thank you to all of our parents for their support. We couldn't have done it without you!

Happenings in "SPECIALS" areas.....

BAND NEWS

Mark your calendars for May 4th - on that day, ALL band students from the district will descend upon Combs High School for the annual Mass Band Festival. The event will conclude with a concert open to everyone in the CHS gym, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come and see this spectacular concert event!

Please read the Orchestra Section ----->

about the Instrument Petting Zoo! This is for all 4th and 5th grade students (and parents) that want to start learning a new instrument next year. It's not too early to start thinking about that choice!



Band

Orchestra



Dear Ellsworth Parents,

It has been a very rewarding school year for our Orchestra Students. On May 9 Orchestra and Band will be hosting a **"Recruitment Night/Instrument Petting Zoo"** at Ellsworth School. Music and Arts Music Stores will be providing instruments for your child to try in order to help them choose what instrument they would like to study for the 2017-2018 school year. 4th and 5th grade parents, watch for a flyer to come home in the next week with details about this event.

Sincerely,

Mr. Guido Lavorata



**May is already upon us!
Where did the school year go!**

**During the month of May,
we will continue to study
different styles of music, as
well as reviewing some of the
dances we learned this year!**

**I truly wish everyone a
happy, safe summer. It has
been a joy to work with each
student and each family.**

Sincerely,

Mr. Porterfield

Physical Education P.E.



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





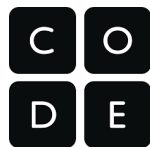
This past 9 weeks students have completed a unit on 3-D drawing and this week began a unit on Scratch (animation/game building)

Students will complete 9 tasks following step-by-step instruction

Both of these programs have free versions available on-line that students can use to practice the skills.

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

<https://www.typing.com/>



Hello Ellsworth Parents!

We are now nearing the end of the year and looking forward to our summer vacation. As we get set to close our school year, I would like to remind you of the Social Services which are still available this summer.

Mental Health Services

24/7/365 Crisis Services

Crisis Line [602-222-9444](tel:602-222-9444)

Human Services

Compassion Care Center

[480-987-0885](tel:480-987-0885) www.stvccc.or

Arizona 211

<http://www.211arizona.org> 211 from your phone

Our JO Combs School District food bank will be closed during the summer months, however we'd like to remind you to use the services before our closing date of May23,2017.....[480-987-5304](tel:480-987-5304)

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



The last day to check out library books is May 5th, all books must be returned no later than May 12th. Please contact Lora Rael with any questions 480-882-3520.

Celebrating
the end of the
School
Year



ELLSWORTH CAFETERIA



*Happy
Mother's
Day*

Starting **May 1st** no student will be allowed to "Charge" their lunch account. For anyone not having enough money on their account to cover lunch they will be given a courtesy meal.

Please make sure your students have sufficient funds in their lunch account each day!



Breakfast is \$1.25

Lunch is \$2.65

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

[**Click here for
Breakfast Menu**](#)

[**Click here for
Lunch 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

As summer vacation approaches, both children and parents are excited. Here are some fun ways to keep your child/children engaged so they can keep their mind sharp throughout the summer and continue to build on the skills that they have learned throughout the school year.

1. Reading- Create games that focus on ABC's and sight words and comprehension questions to keep students minds sharp.
2. Have your child create/design their own journal/diary and draw and write about what they did each day (this is a great way to help with spelling). They can also create their own dictionary to refer to words they have difficulty spelling.
3. Math- Have your child help you create math games to practice at home and when you go to the store.

Often we forget our environment provides us with learning opportunities each day. Make summer fun by making something you do each day a teachable moment for your child.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER

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

ELL

It's been an incredible year! Mrs. Roy and I are so proud of every one of our students. A lot of learning has happened along with friendships being formed.

We wish you a safe summer and look forward to seeing our families in the Fall.

*AZELLA results will be available on or before May 16th. Please check your child's backpack.

Take care,

Mrs. Bencomo and Mrs. Roy

Title 1 Reading

We can't believe the school year is winding down already! Your readers have done a fabulous job this school year. Please continue to read with your student throughout the summer so they keep all those brilliant skills they have learned. Your student will receive a letter at the beginning of next school year if they will be part of Title I groups again. We hope you have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Carbajal- Title I Reading Specialist
Mrs. Berkey- Para-Professional

ACADEMIC COACHES CORNER

As the summer begins and you are looking to keep your children busy with some fun and exciting projects and activities, we have provided some links to online resources. These resources have games, projects, and reading activities to keep your children learning and growing over the summer.

Math:

<https://www.education.com/activity/math/>

<http://motionmathgames.com/summer-fun-with-four-math-concepts/>

Reading

<https://www.thebalance.com/barnes-and-noble-summer-reading-program-for-kids-1356824>

Any subject:

<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/summer-learning-resources-matt-davis>

Have a great summer and keep learning!



District News:

Combs Kidz Summer Camp is a fun and safe place for your students this summer. They will enjoy field trips, guest speakers, specialty classes, and much more! Check out the flyer for details.

The Combs Education Foundation was formed in July with the mission of providing scholarships to graduating Combs High School Seniors and mini-grant to Combs teachers. We are very excited to be awarding the first \$1000 scholarship to a senior at the May 16th Awards Night. Watch for future ways that you donate to the Combs Education Foundation and make a difference in students' lives.

Enrollment for the next school year is ongoing, and we need your help spreading the good news about our schools to your neighbors! Registration packets are excepted at all schools until June 8th and then the district office until July 14th. Register early to help us in planning for the next school year. Check out the latest edition of the [J.O. Combs newspaper!](#)

If your student does not meet the August 31st birthday cut-off for Kindergarten registration, s/he may be eligible for early entry. Testing information can be found online at www.jocombs.org under the Community Education tab, Kinder Options link. Testing dates are April 26th, May 17th, June 14th, and July 19th.

Combs Kidz Summer Camp

At Ellsworth Elementary
Monday—Friday
May 24—Aug 1

Camp Hours

6:30 am—6:00 pm

Camp Rates

Registration Fee
\$25/student

Full Day

Daily Rate \$30.00
Weekly Rate \$130.00

Half Day

Daily Rate \$15.00
Weekly Rate \$70.00
(Half day is 6:30 -12:30 OR
Noon—6:00 No Exceptions)

All Field Trips \$7.00

Summer School Rate

Attend After Summer
School
\$100.00 / week

20% Sibling Discount
20% Employee Discount
DES approved



Questions?

Call 480-987-5310



SUMMER FUN AT COMBS

Weekly Themes

Field Trips to:

Peter Piper Pizza, Harkins, Laser
Tag, Sea Life Aquarium, Bowling,
Swimming and many more to come

Arts & Crafts

Ping Pong

Technology

Indoor & Outdoor Activities

Science Experiments

Wii Games

Register Online!

Look for the "Camp Programs" page under the "Community Education" tab on the www.JOCombs.org website. If you already have a DayCare Works account, please log in to the existing account and use the "registration" tab.

Camp can be paid on a weekly basis. Choose and pay for camp days by 4:00 pm on Friday for the upcoming week.

YOUNG COYOTES SUMMER CAMP




May 30th - July 28th

Monday- Friday | 6:30am - 6:00pm
Hosted at Ellsworth Elementary

Check out the Calendar of Events!

SUMMER



Lunch Buddies

Helping kids eat healthy

Spend time with friends and enjoy meals at no cost while school is out.
Open to ages 18 and younger. No application is needed.

Location: Ellsworth Elementary School

Dates: 5/30/17-6/30/17 Monday-Friday

Times: 7:15-8:30 & 11:00-1:00

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Visit azsummerfood.gov or text **FOOD** to 877-877 for more information.



Summer of Learning Enrichment Classes!

Hosted at Ellsworth Elementary

June 5 - June 29

ROBOTICS

FITNESS

Art

Dance and Cheer

And Many MORE!

Theater

GROSSOLOGY!

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