

Elliott Ranch Round Up

February 2020

Calendar

February

- 5 School Site Council meeting
- 5 PTO General Meeting 6:00
- 10 No School – Lincoln’s Birthday
- 12 Family Science Night
- 12 E.R. Eats @ Panera
- 14 Kids Heart Challenge
- 14 Grading Period Ends
- 17 No School – Washington’s B-Day
- 21 Minimum Day – Report Card Prep

Coming Up in March

- Rocket Read! 2nd – 6th
- Spring Picture Day 11th
- Penny Wars for Cancer 16th – 27th

Principal’s Message

Hello Everybody!

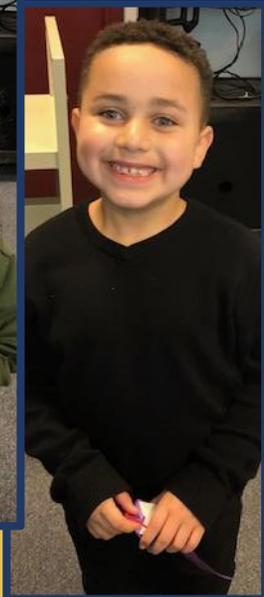
Did you know that children who read for pleasure make more progress in *math*, *vocabulary* and *spelling* when compared with those who rarely read? That’s what a new study at the Institute of Education at the University of London validated. It also found that a child’s own reading for pleasure was found to have a greater effect on cognitive development than their parents’ level of education. Seeing a student reading a good book is the highlight of my day! In our Library, we have purchased thousands of dollars of books this year to upgrade series and give students more choice and relevance to their lives. Thank you parents for giving your child time and encouragement to **Read! Read! Read!**
Your Principal, Ms. Van Housen



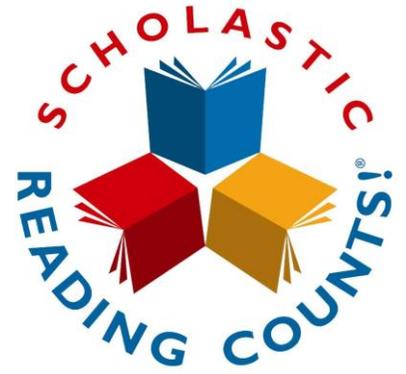
Our Student Community Service Leadership team has been invited to the Feb. 4th School Board Meeting to be recognized for collecting 4,371 POUNDS of food for the Elk Grove Food Bank! Our students’ hard work earned top honors among elementary schools for the 2019 Kids Can food drive! We are all so proud of these students and their sponsor, Mrs. Clemens!



Look who knows that Reading Counts!



Spotlight on Achievement



Mrs. Summers reads a bedtime story to her class via facetime every Wednesday night!



Look at who's already earned their spot at the year-end celebration!!

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| 1. | Nathan Ung (2 nd) - | 85 | Bronze |
| 2. | Tyler Yee (4 th) - | 179 | Bronze |
| 3. | Daniel Lee (4 th) - | 185 | Bronze |
| 4. | Chloe Doan (6 th) - | 325 | Bronze |
| 5. | Abraham Chou (6 th) - | 326 | Bronze |
| 6. | Joshua Nguyen (3 rd) - | 158 | Silver |
| 7. | Ethan Agar (6 th) - | 391 | Silver |
| 8. | Braydon Sakai (3 rd) - | 186 | Gold |
| 9. | Camdyn Frazier (4 th) - | 258 | Gold |
| 10. | Mehnaaz Virk (4 th) - | 284 | Gold |
| 11. | Eleanor Meredith (4 th) - | 353 | Gold |
| 12. | Olivia Tong (5 th) - | 342 | Gold |
| 13. | Morgan Tsang (5 th) - | 381 | Gold |
| 14. | Matthew Kim (5 th) - | 408 | Gold |
| 15. | Joshua Nguyen (5 th) - | 415 | Gold |
| 16. | Emily Chen (6 th) - | 406 | Gold |
| 17. | Ian Lee (4 th) - | 545 | Diamond |
| 18. | Mandin Li (4 th) - | 598 | Diamond |
| 19. | Alicia Feng (5 th) - | 813 | Diamond |

Bronze
Attend Year-End Ice Cream Celebration!

Silver
Attend Year-End Ice Cream Celebration AND get a FREE BOOK!

Gold
Attend Year-End Ice Cream Celebration AND get a FREE BOOK AND a \$10 Barnes and Noble Gift Card!

Diamond
Attend Year-End Ice Cream Celebration AND get a FREE BOOK AND a \$10 Barnes and Noble Gift Card AND a Pizza Lunch with 3 Friends!



Arts Challenge – Deadline Thursday, February 6, 2020

Elliott Ranch is invited to submit a handful of pieces of art made by our students to an Elk Grove Unified School District contest. Single students can submit artwork with an Artist Statement for judging by professional community judges and the chance to win cash prizes.

Entries may be turned in to our front office, and we will submit the top six (as judged by our school's grade-level Team Leaders) to the Communications Department.

Students can enter 2D, 3D, or Media (digital, graphics, or 1 minute video), up to one entry per category.

We love our
parent
volunteers!



What are we
reading? Site
words in the
sky!



Please join us...!



Elliott Ranch Elementary

Wednesday, February 12th

6:00 pm, Multi-Purpose Room

Form teams to tackle science challenges.

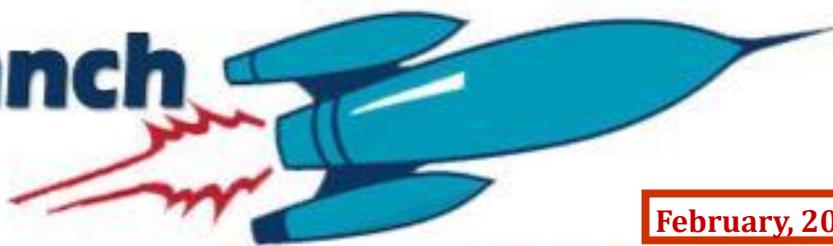
Build, create & explore with your family.

Eat, laugh, listen to music, & have FUN!



Fenix Drum and Dance Company performed with our 3rd and 4th grade students. The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission sponsored the event. Their message: **Knowledge is Power!**

Elliott Ranch PTO



February, 2020

President's Message

Welcome back Elliott Ranch!

School is back in session and our PTO is moving forward with many fun activities for Spring.

I would like to tell you about our newest fundraiser here at ER: **The Rock!** Yes, you read that correctly. The PTO has purchased a rock, sounds a little bit odd, but it is so exciting! Our new spirit rock will be available on a daily basis. Families can rent it for \$25.00 a day and can paint any message (as long as it is tasteful and not political, religious, offensive, or derogatory) on it! Stay tuned for the Sign up genius on how to rent it, keep in mind it is on a first come first serve basis. See pictures of *The Rock* on the next page.

We are having another fun night out at the ~~Rockin~~ Jump on February 7th from 4pm - 8pm. This is a great way for the kids to get some jump time in and pizza for dinner is always a plus!

Our next ER eats out is scheduled for February 12th, at the Panera located at Delta Shores. The time slot is from 4pm - 8pm. Take the guess work out of dinner and support our school at the same time!

The end of February and beginning of March is bringing us the Rocket Read. This is great way to raise money, earn prizes, and of course immerse yourself in the wonderful world of a great book!

If you would like to see your favorite events or your favorite students featured in the ER yearbook please submit them today! The deadline for submission is Friday, March 13th. The sooner you send them in, the better the chance of them making it into the yearbook. Go to:
<https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login>

Our next PTO meeting is February 5th, 6:00pm in the library. Everyone is welcome!

Thank you for all of your support, the PTO is excited to make the year 2020 our best one yet!

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Upcoming Events

- 02/05/2020 - PTO Meeting @ 6pm inside the Library.
- 02/07/2020 - ~~Rockin~~ Jump @ 4pm - 8pm
- 02/12/2020 - ER Eats Out @ Delta Shores Panera from 4pm to 8
- 02/21/2020 - Box Tops will be collected.

PTO meetings are open to all Elliott Ranch families. Learn how PTO benefits our school and where you can help. Hope to see you there!



Our newest addition, weighing in at 4,100 pounds: The Rock! PTO President Melanie Parmar oversaw the Rock's journey to Elliott Ranch, where it will forever be here to acknowledge and honor our students and staff. You may "Rent the Rock" yourself. Guidelines below...☺



“RENT THE ROCK”

The E.R. Spirit Rock is a great way to send a message for all to see!
Whether you would like to wish a student Happy Birthday, show appreciation for a favorite teacher, or just show your school spirit, our ER rock is the perfect place!

GUIDELINES

1. Reservations are made online through Sign Up Genius:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4eaaa928a5f94-rent>
2. Rent the rock for \$25/day.
3. All reservation dates are listed; slots will not be modified.
4. Reservations are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Keep in mind that the earlier you make your reservation, the more likely you are to get your desired date. There are limited school days, so please be understanding if you don't get your desired date.
5. Any family may rent the rock for up to four (4) days per school year. These days may be in a row or separate throughout the school year.
6. All artwork painted on the rock must be in good taste and may not contain any foul or derogatory language, religious, political, or offensive statements/symbols. The messages or designs **must be positive!** School administration has the right to paint over and revoke further painting privileges for individuals who do not abide by these rules. Refunds will not be given if the message needs to be painted over.
7. Families need to provide their own paint and supplies. Spray paint may be used to cover the previous message. Use only “standard” latex or water-based paint on the rock.
8. Painting of school property, besides the rock is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, sidewalks, asphalt, lampposts, or buildings. Any damage to the surrounding area or buildings will result in financial responsibility for repairs.
9. Painting of the rock may occur anytime between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the day before your rental. For example, if you are renting the rock for Tuesday, April 7th, you may paint the rock anytime between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, April 6th. If you are renting the rock for a Monday you will need to **paint it on the Friday before** between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.
10. In the event of inclement weather, please plan on painting with an umbrella in hand. For severe weather that prohibits afternoon painting, you may paint from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. on the day you rent the rock.
11. The PTO will not give refunds on rock reservations. If you are unable to paint the rock on your scheduled date, please try to trade with another family. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**
12. There are no trash cans or water supply available, so please bring appropriate bags to clean up afterwards. Paint cans are not allowed to be put in dumpsters on school property.
13. The renting of the rock runs on the honor system; we hope everyone respects the guidelines set by the PTO and school administration.

We can't wait to see all the amazing artwork displayed on the SPIRIT ROCK throughout the year!

Reserve your date today, and we will see you at The Rock!!



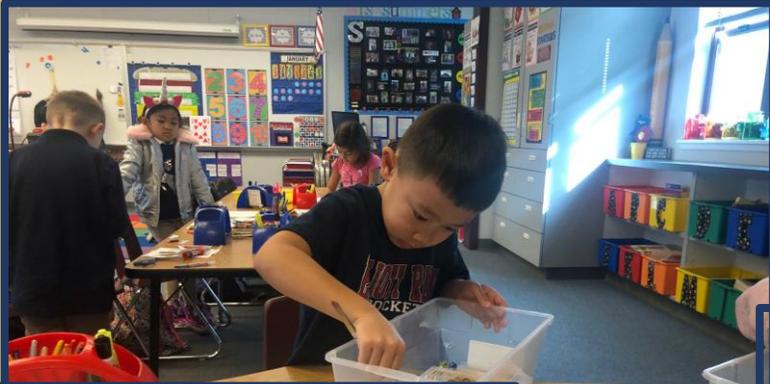
Hero the Zero and 100-year-old Mrs. Mreton can to celebrate our 100th day of school!





First graders got to visit the EGUSD Food Processing Center!





Whether the weather is good or bad, we are still learning at Elliott Ranch!





Thank you Elliott Ranch students for demonstrating Kindness every day!

