Ella Gator News

November 2026

Principal's Corner

Parent-teacher conferences are an important opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school and support each student's success. These meetings allow parents and teachers to discuss academic progress, celebrate achievements, address any concerns, and work together to set goals for continued growth. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for **November 17th, 19th, and 20th**, and your participation is greatly valued. Working together, we can help ensure every student has the support and encouragement needed to thrive! Please be looking for communication about scheduling this meeting from your student's teacher.

Every Gator Counts- Attendance

Dear Ella Families,

Here is a look at our attendance percentages for this month:

- Transitional Kinder: 94.47%
- Kindergarten: 92.34%
- 1st Grade: 95.25%
- 2nd Grade: 94.36%
- 3rd Grade: 94.43%
- 4th Grade: 95.98%
- 5th Grade: 96.20%
- 6th Grade: 95.72%
- Overall School Attendance: 95.72%

Just a reminder to parents that we always strive for a 97% or higher attendance rate for each grade level. Attendance is just as important as academic performance.

~Mrs. Maria: Attendance Clerk

Counseling Updates from Mr. Jack

Hello Ella Families,
October was such an amazing month for all of our students to showcase The Gator Pledge, Be Safe. Countless Be Safe Tickets were earned by MANY students throughout the month of October. Please remind your student that you can never be too safe at home, school and everywhere. In November we will be focusing on our second Gator Pledge, Be Respectful. Throughout the month of October, I was able to teach lessons on being safe, being respectful and self-affirmation. Parents and/or guardians, please take a moment and check in with your student(s). A simple talk can go a long way in their lives. Have a wonderful November.
- Mr. Jack

Inside the PTO

- Upcoming Meeting: Join us on November 4 from 2:45-3:45 PM! You can attend in person in the Teacher's Lab (please enter through the Stars entrance) or virtually via Zoom.
- https://mjusd.zoom.us/j/89071282990?pwd=a35xY-:7FamNaO5e8soyFwYsu9apXmW3.1

School Readiness

November Calendar

Community Schools Connections

Join us for our Community Coffee Meet & Greet on November 10th from 7:45–8:20 a.m. outside the front office. This gathering is a great opportunity for parents, family members, and community members to mingle and enjoy a cup of coffee. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents, build connections, and strengthen our school community. We invite you to stop by, share your thoughts, and collaborate with us as we work together to support the success of all Ella Elementary students.

A huge thank-you to our amazing community partners for supporting Ella Elementary and our Gator families! Life of Christ Church generously donated a jump house for our school, and Olivehurst Community Church donated $230 worth of undergarments for our student clothing closet. We are also incredibly grateful to our Fall Festival donors: Hilda's Body Bar, Jaro Lashpire, Auger Construction, Champaka Nails Salon, Steele Photography, Ellyson Chiropractic, LM10 Soccer Training, Realtor Diana, and Maria Gloria. Your generosity helps us create meaningful opportunities, provide essential resources, and make our school community stronger. Thank you for being part of our Ella Gator family!

S.T.A.R.S Updates

Hi STARS Families!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Halloween Party. It made the day that much more special for our students! We are happy to welcome Mr. Josh as our new provider. Along with him joining us, we are able to welcome more students off of the waitlist. If your student didn't make it this round, we hope with more staff hired we can welcome them soon! We are currently planning for Thanksgiving, so please be on the lookout for a flyer at the sign out table.

Student Leadership Spotlight

October was a great month full of fundraising opportunities for Leadership. Thank you to all those who supported Leadership at the Fall Festival and purchased Boo Grams. Leadership's next meeting will be on November 6th at 1:50pm to discuss Movie Night.

Important Dates

- 11/2/26 ELAC Meeting 9:00 am; P101
- 11/4/26 Minimum Day
- 11/4/26 October Attendance Spirit Day
- 11/4/26 Beale AFB Buddies at Lunch Recess
- 11/6/26 Retake Picture Day with Dorian Photography
- 11/6/26 Gator Go Getter Drawing
- 11/6/26 End of Trimester 1
- 11/10/26 Coffee with the Community 7:45-8:20 am
- 11/11/26 Veterans Day- No School
- 11/13/26 1st Trimester Awards Assemblies (various times)
- 11/16/26 Gator Recess (Cafeteria Expectations)
- 11/17, 11/19, 11/20 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/18-11/20 Minimum Days
- 11/19/26 Yuba/Sutter Food Bank Distribution on Olivehurst Ave. 12:30 pm
- 11/20/26 Gator Go Getter Drawing
- 11/20/26 Report Cards Go Home with Students
- 11/23-11/27 November Break- No School
- 11/30/26 Site Council Meeting