

Ella Gator News

September 2026



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We are so excited to see all our Ella Gators and looking forward to an amazing year. Welcome to our new Ella staff: Mr. Xiong- Assistant Principal, Ms. Villagomez- 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Williams- 4th grade teacher, Ms. Dourgarian- 3rd grade teacher, Ms. Cantrell- 3rd grade teacher, Ms. Vang- Kindergarten teacher.

COUNSELING UPDATES FROM MR. JACK

If you are new to our school, I would like to say, "Welcome" and if you are returning, "Welcome back." I hope you all enjoyed your summer. A little information about me. I am Mr. Jack, the school counselor. This will be my 4th year here at Ella Elementary and I LOVE BEING here. For some of our students, the beginning of a new school and/or school year may be a challenge. If you notice your student is struggling, please reach out to me. I do offer one on one counseling and small group counseling. Have a wonderful September. - Mr. Jack

EVERY GATOR COUNTS- ATTENDANCE

Welcome back to a brand new school year! I am excited to begin this year with all of you, and I am looking forward to seeing our students here every day and on time! Being on time and coming to school every day is an important part of your child's success. Arriving on time helps students start their day feeling prepared, confident, and ready to learn. Every minute in the classroom matters! Parents, thank you for helping us make great attendance a priority this school year. Your support makes a big difference in helping our students build positive habits and reach their goals. And students, be sure to keep an eye on our Attendance Bulletin Board! Each month, we will celebrate students who have achieved Perfect Attendance by recognizing their names on the board. We want to celebrate your hard work and commitment to being at school every day! Let's make this a wonderful school year filled with great attendance, being on time, learning, growing, and celebrating success! Here's to a fantastic year of attendance! I can't wait to see your names on our Perfect Attendance Bulletin Board!

Ella Attendance Clerk,
Maria Munoz

INSIDE THE PTO

- Join us on September 3 from 4:00–5:00 PM for our next PTO meeting. You can attend in person in the Teacher's Lab (please enter through the STARS entrance) or virtually via [Zoom](#).
- **Spirit Wear:** Keep an eye out—PTO will be handing out Spirit Wear order forms throughout September!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Leadership applications were sent out on August 24th. Be sure your 5th or 6th grade student submits their application by the September 8th deadline!

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CONNECTIONS

Join us for our Community Coffee Meet & Greet on September 15th 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 enjoy a cup of coffee while connecting with our school staff. 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.

S.T.A.R.S UPDATES

Hi STARS families!

We had a fantastic first two weeks with your kids. It has been a pleasure building bonds with them. A special thank you to Maria, Lucy, Mrs. McAdam, and Mr. Xiong for helping us have a smooth start to a great year. Stay tuned for fun upcoming events!

SCHOOL READINESS

[September Calendar](#)

[Early Literacy Workshops](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

September 4th - Gator Ticket Drawing
September 7th - Labor Day/No School
September 9th - Minimum Day Schedule- 1:10 pm (K-6th)
September 14th - ELAC Meeting- 9:00 am; P101
September 15th - Picture Day with Dorian Photography
September 15th - Community Coffee Meet and Greet
September 16th - Minimum Day Schedule- 1:10 pm (K-6th)
September 17th - Yuba Sutter Food Bank Distribution- 12:30 pm
September 17th - Shady Creek Parent Meeting- 2:45 pm-3:45 pm
September 17th - DELAC Meeting
September 18th - Gator Ticket Drawing
September 21st - Annual Title 1 Meeting- 9:00 am; P101
September 23rd - Minimum Day Schedule- 1:10 pm (K-6th)
September 25th - 3rd Grade Field Trip: Farm Day
September 25th - Attendance Spirit Day (TBD)
September 28th - Gator Recess
September 28th - Site Council Meeting- 3:00 pm Zoom